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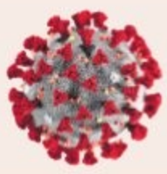

VAX DATA SENSITIVE, DON'T SHARE IT: CENTRE TO STATES

In a strange order, the Union health ministry on Wednesday asked states not to share vaccine availability status on public forums

WE OWN ALL VACCINE DATA: HEALTH MINISTRY

States are supposed to update the Centre on stock and transactions of all vaccines. The health ministry claimed it owns all vaccine-related data and that it cannot be shared with any third party, including the media. The letter evoked sharp reactions on social media with people wondering how data on stock and storage of Covid vaccine doses could be sensitive

CURIOUS TIMING RAISES EYEBROWS

- The letter, written by Pradeep Haldar, Advisor, Reproductive and Child Health, did not specify why the information is deemed sensitive or how sharing it will undermine the jab programme
- Curiously, the directive comes amid rising criticism against the Centre for its inability to support states with ample doses | P9

eVIN

ELECTRONIC VACCINE INTELLIGENCE NETWORK TRACKS VAX STOCK STATUS

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2nd wave shock limited to Q1, recovery tied to vax, says FinMin

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE second Covid wave has somewhat dented the economy but its impact will be confined to the first quarter of this financial year, claimed the monthly economic report released by the Union finance ministry on Wednesday. However, this prognosis will hold true only if the vaccination drive becomes aggressive and all Budget announcements are implemented efficiently, the report added. In other words, if the inoculation programme drags, it will drastically impact future economic recovery.

"The onset of the second wave of Covid-19 since mid-February 2021 and localised or state-wide restrictions adopted to combat its spread, have posed a probable downside risk to the momentum in India's economic recovery in the first quarter of 2021-22," it noted. The report added that with state-level lockdown restrictions, manufacturing and construction activities could experience a softer economic shock in Q1.

"To avoid or lower the ferocity of subsequent waves, an accelerated vaccination drive is imperative. Vaccinating to achieve herd immunity (75-80% of population) will boost consumer and producer confidence and reinvigorate the engines of economic growth. For this purpose, challenges pertaining to vaccine supply, vaccine hesitancy, operational aspects to achieve high daily throughput, and widespread reach must be anticipated," it said.

The finance ministry has made a strong pitch to vaccinate 70 crore people with at least a single dose by September to boost confidence among people and regain the momentum of economic recovery.

"With around 120 days to 31st September 2021, around 93 lakh vaccinations are required per day to achieve the herd immunity. The peak daily vaccination rate attained till date is 42.65 lakh. This peak was achieved using one shift of 8-9 hours of vaccination. So, doubling the shifts and possibly vaccinating 24x7 for a couple of months – particularly in August and September when supply is expected to increase significantly – can enable the ambitious, but possible, throughput of 1 crore shots a day," the report recommended, adding that this is ambitious, but possible.

DISTRESSED SECTORS SEND SOS MESSAGES

Airport, hospitality firms say they can't survive without govt help

AIRPORT OPERATORS SEEK SUPPORT

- Drop in air traffic hit revenues
- Struggling to sustain operations and meet debt obligations
- Unable to raise funds due to poor cash flows and credit ratings

80-95 million
Expected domestic air passengers this year vis-a-vis 140 million in 2019

HOSPITALITY SECTOR WANTS STIMULUS

It has sought a sector-specific stimulus package that includes:

- Full waiver of interest on loans
- Extension on moratorium on the principal amount for all loans
- DBT of basic pay to employees

₹1.82 lakh crore
Hospitality sector's revenue in FY20. 75% got wiped off in FY21 | P12

Revenue dent may be lesser than last yr in State

ANUSHA RAVI @ Bengaluru

COMPARED to last year, revenues for Karnataka may be slightly better this fiscal year, despite the Covid second wave and partial lockdown. Revenue receipts from various sources this time have been better than last year during the same period, officials said, but uncertainty looms with the third wave around the corner.

Additional liabilities following heavy borrowings last fiscal year, pending GST dues as well as reduced allocation of funds from the Centre this year too have left Karnataka's finances in a precarious position. With Covid management taking priority, funds (sanctioned, allocated or saved) from various departments are being channelised for medicines, awareness, vaccines, infrastructure, financial aid etc to fight the pandemic. From big schemes to PD accounts of deputy commissioners and gram panchayat allowances, funds are being diverted to assist Covid management.

At a recent video-conference with gram panchayat members, Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa said that funds diverted to each gram panchayat account from the State Disaster Relief Fund should be utilised towards Covid management. While the State government is diverting funds from other departments, delays and allocation cuts by the Centre are making things difficult.

As per the Union Budget 2021-22, Karnataka's share in the Central pool of taxes by way of devolution is about Rs 24,000 crore. The Centre pays this in 14 monthly instalments. While Karnataka should have received around ₹1,700 crore per month, it has got only ₹1,429 crore in this fiscal year so far. Also, Karnataka has not received a single instalment of its GST compensation this financial year and is waiting for ₹11,000 crore in dues from the Centre. P3

Karnataka gets ₹135.92 crore from Centre

In its third instalment of revenue deficit grant from the Centre, Karnataka received ₹135.92 crore. The state has so far received ₹407.76 crore under the head. As per the 15th Finance Commission recommendation, the state is eligible for ₹1,600 crore.

CRUNCHING NUMBERS

- **₹1,850 crore** economic package to be additional expenditure above budget estimates
- Funds for package to come from savings and cuts from other departments, revised estimate if shortage arises
- Pending GST dues from Union Government: **₹11,000 crore**
- Karnataka's share in devolution: ` **₹24,000 crore** (**₹1,700 crore** approx. over 14 months)
- Devolution that Karnataka has been receiving: **₹1,429 crore** per month
- Grant-in-aids from GOI so far: **₹2,700 crore**
- Karnataka's share of revenue deficit grant: **₹1,600 crore**

A health worker vaccinates a woman in Bengaluru | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

KARNATAKA	JUNE 8	JUNE 9
Fresh cases	9,808	10,959
Recoveries	23,449	20,246
Deaths	179	192

JAB-O-METER
TAKE YOUR SHOT
June 8 **25,58,652 doses**
June 9 **31,31,759 doses**
TOTAL DOSES: 24,24,79,167

RAVAGED BY COVID, BUT K'TAKA FAILS TO BUMP UP VAX DRIVE

RANJANI MADHAVAN, IFFATH FATHIMA & AJITH MS
@ Bengaluru, Mysuru

WHILE the vaccination drive should have picked up pace with the surge in Covid cases and deaths, the State Government is not close to its targets as yet. None of the four segments categorised for vaccine coverage has reached 30 per cent of respective populations.

Starting with healthcare workers on January 16, of the estimated 16 lakh, only 4.77 lakh (4,77,210) have completed vaccinations (both doses), achieving only 29.82 per cent of the target with 11,22,790 remaining. This is the segment that has seen the highest coverage in the State with the remaining categories recording far lower percentages.

A mere 2,20,415 (just 1.10 per cent) of the two crore frontline workers across Karnataka have received both doses, leaving 1.97 crore (1,97,79,585) yet to complete the dosage; only 13.28 per cent (22,05,779) have been vaccinated among the 1.66 crore-strong segment of 45-plus age category, leaving 1.43 crore (1,43,94,230) yet to complete the vaccination. P4

THE NUMBERS SAY IT ALL...

Category	Target	Achieved (2 doses)	% achieved	Remaining
45 and above (includes 60 and above)	1.66 cr	22,05,770	13.28%	1.43 cr (1,43,94,230)
Frontline worker	2 cr	2,20,415	1.10%	1.97 cr (1,97,79,585)
Healthcare worker	16 lakh	4,77,210	29.82%	11 lakh (11,22,790)
18-44 years	3.26 cr	4,293	0.01%	3.25 cr (3,25,95,707)

COVAXIN

WAIT TO RELEASE PHASE 3 TRIALS FINDINGS GETTING LONGER

Bharat Biotech on Wednesday said the final analysis of its efficacy trials between November and January will be made public only in July, after it is submitted to the drug regulator and peer reviewed journals with a timeline of about three months for publication | P10

CJI INITIATIVE

Telangana HC judge strength to jump by 75%

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@ New Delhi

AIMING to reduce case pendency across the country, especially in high courts, Chief Justice of India N V Ramana is now pushing to increase their sanctioned strength of judges.

To begin with, he has given his final approval to raise the sanctioned strength of judges from 24 to 42 at the Telangana High Court — a jump of 75% — where 2,37,000 cases are pending as on date. This is one of the biggest booster shots in the higher judiciary in a very long time. Of the 42 judges, 32 will be permanent while the rest will be additional judges for now.

The proposal to increase the strength of the Telangana High Court had been pending with the Centre since 2019. After assuming office, CJI Ramana gave it fresh impetus by urging Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the ministry of law and justice to expedite it.

After receiving their green light, the CJI is learnt to have spoken to the HC Chief Justice and taken stock of the available infrastructure before giving his final approval. To fill up the vacancies, 28 will be elevated from the bar while 14 will be appointed from judicial services. A formal notification is expected soon.

In a recent meeting with chief justices of all high courts, the CJI had shared his vision of creating a National Judicial Infrastructure Corporation.

EXPRESS READ

IOA in search of new kit sponsor for Olympics

New Delhi: After dropping Chinese sportswear firm Li Ning as India's Olympic kit sponsor, Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju said India's athletes will not wear branded apparel at the event, even as the Indian Olympic Association said the search is on for a new partner.

NATIONWIDE	JUNE 8	JUNE 9
Fresh cases	86,498	92,596
Recoveries	1,82,282	1,62,664
Deaths	2,123	2,219

Power dearer by 3.8 pc in state, average hike of 30 paise/unit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A household in Bengaluru, falling under Bescom limits, that consumed around 220 units of electricity and paid a monthly bill of Rs 1,794, will have to pay an additional ₹39 (2.3 per cent increase) from next month. Reason: The Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission has revised the power tariff.

In a virtual meeting with all stakeholders on Wednesday, KERC Chairman Shambhu Dayal Meena announced an average increase of 30 paise per unit, which translates to an average increase of 3.84 per cent. The revised tariff comes into effect from April 1. The delay in announcement is because of the election code of conduct and the pandemic. CONTINUED ON: P7

Cong erosion on as BJP snaps up Jitin Prasada

MANISH ANAND @ New Delhi

THE BJP set off alarm bells within the Congress on Wednesday by engineering the crossover of another young leader, former Union minister Jitin Prasada. With this, the party appears to have made its intentions clear of mopping up the remaining young talent within the Congress, a ploy that began with the induction of Jyotiraditya Scindia. A similar exercise in Rajasthan is a work in progress.

Jitin Prasada

Union Minister for Railways Piyush Goyal did the honours for inducting Prasada. Giving a perspective to the latest acquisition, BJP's media in-charge Anil Baluni recalled that Jitin's father Jitendra Prasada had once contested against Sonia Gandhi for the Congress' chief post, suggesting the door was open for leaders of substance who were otherwise rotting in opposition parties.

While Prasada lost a couple of Lok Sabha elections ever since the rise of the BJP in UP, he had served as a minister during the UPA tenure. He was a signatory to the letter by 23 Congress leaders who had demanded a full-time Congress president earlier. CONTINUED ON: P10

REAL TO REEL

Now, Sindhuri story to hit the screen!

KARTHIK K K @ Mysuru

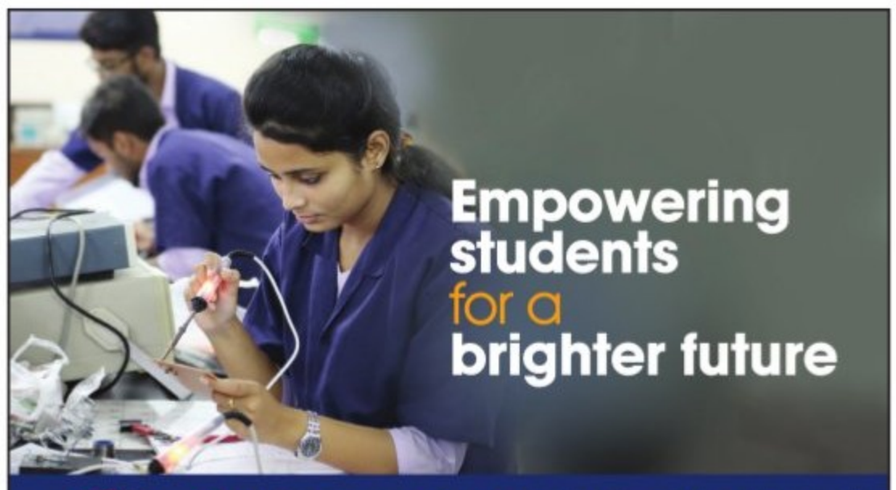
FROM 'Nikhil Ellidiyappa' to 'CD Lady' to the latest 'Bharatha Sindhuri', Sandalwood producers are in a constant race to capitalise on the controversy of the moment and gain publicity.

Whenever there is a newsbreak that grabs people's attention, the first thing Kannada film industry producers do is to apply for a catchy title with the Karnataka Films Chamber of Commerce. It is another matter that most of these titles never turn into films or hit the silver screen.

The latest addition to this craze is the title 'Bharatha Sindhuri', which claims to be a movie based on IAS officer **Rohini Sindhuri**, whose controversial tenure as a Mysuru deputy commissioner ended recently. Writer and director S Krishna Swarnasandra said that the movie will depict the exemplary work done by the officer. It was just last week that Sindhuri was transferred after her spat with Mysuru City Corporation Shilpa Nag became public.

In February 2019, during the thick of campaigning for the Mandya Lok Sabha seat, 'Nikhil Ellidyappa' became a catchphrase that caught people's attention. A producer, Ganesh, was successful in owning the title. It was during the same election that 'Jodettu', which means a pair of oxen referring to actors Darshan Thoogudeepa and Yash, that became the talk of the town. Another producer managed to get that too registered.

There have been several such instances where filmmakers have tried to grab publicity. When IPS officer Annamalai announced his retirement, it was the title 'Anna IPS' that was sought after. 'Kambala' and 'Fast Man' were in producers' list when Kambala Srinivas Gowda grabbed national headlines for becoming the fastest man on earth.



ALMANAC TODAY

- **Thursday :** 10/06/2021
- **Year:** Plava
- **Ayana:** Uttharayana
- **Ritu:** Vasantha
- **Masa:** Vaishaka
- **Paksha:** Krishna
- **Tithi:** Amavasya 2.51 pm
- **Nakshatra:** Rohini 1.04 am
- **Moon in** Mithuna Rashi
- **Rahukaala:** 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm
- **Gulikakala:** 09:00 am to 10:30 am
- **Yamaganda:** 03:00 am to 04:30 am

WEATHER

MIN 21°C | MAX 29°C

FORECAST
Showers late. Overcast

Sunrise	5.53 am
Sunset	6.45 pm
Moonrise	5.35 am
Moonset	6.46 pm

NO ONE BUYS FLOWERS ANYMORE, RUE GROWERS

Lockdown deals body blow to business; with low demand, prices crash

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

IT has been a year of ruin for vendors of K R Market -- Asia's biggest market -- which has been closed for 238 days, ever since the first lockdown was announced in March 2020. The closure, coupled with repair work undertaken by BBMP, has heaped misery on wholesale merchants and streetside vendors. The worst-hit is the flower grower and vendor -- with marriages and functions on hold, and festivals going low-key, no one buys flowers.

The imminent lifting of the lockdown is not likely to bring any relief either, as KR Market is not expected to open soon, and BBMP is yet to complete work.

KR Market was shut along with other commercial activities, as per guidelines issued by the ministry of home affairs, last year. In all, the market was closed for 159 days in 2020, and 79 days so far this year.

President of KR Market Vendors' Association Diwakar told TNIE that there are over 2,200 vendors in KR Market, who sell fruits, vegetables, flowers, greens and puja items, besides other essentials. Of them, more than 300 vendors supply flowers wholesale to street vendors, and make garlands for weddings and other occasions. They have been given space to work from 6am to10 am at Bamboo Bazaar, which is near KR Market.

Diwakar, who has been in the flower business for 16 years, said they get flowers from Kolar, Chikkaballapura, Anekal, Malur, Doddaballapura, Ramanagara and other places. "We used to get more than 100 trucks of flowers, but it's reduced to 20-25 trucks now. Each truck carries 800 to 1,200 kg of flowers," he said.

"Flower business is down during off-season, but in the past year, business has been low even during the festival and wedding season," said Mahesh, a flower vendor. "People buy vegetables and fruits, but not flowers during the pandemic. We are allowed to work between 6am and 10am, but we cannot even keep flowers overnight and sell them."

Bengaluru has more than 20,000 street hawkers and pushcart vendors. The government has promised Rs 2,000 to these vendors, but the amount is barely enough for them to sustain.

Floriculturists, too, are in acute distress. The government is to pay farmers Rs 10,000 per hectare (2.5 acres), while they would have spent Rs 60,000 to Rs 1 lakh per acre. Srinivasappa, a flower vendor from Hosakote, said May is the peak season to make money..

Rates as on June 9 (by Hopcoms in Rs/ kg)

Potato	₹55	Coriander	₹64
Tomato	₹12	Drumstick	₹88
Onion	₹36	Cauliflower	₹54
Ooty Carrot	₹62	Coconut	₹37
Beans	₹90	Methi	₹58

Rise in veggie prices burdens common man

There is no provision to sell flowers to the perfume industry. We appeal to the govern ment to allow street vendors to function throughout the day, they are not buying flowers from us as there is no business

-Srinivasappa, a flower vendor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

IF the rise in fuel prices and power tariff was not enough, a surge in prices of essential commodities, like vegetables, has created a dent in the monthly budget of the common man.

Officials of Horticultural Producers' Cooperative Marketing and Processing Society (Hopcoms) said there has been an increase in vegetable prices. Hopcoms Managing Director Umesh Mirji said the rise is because of the pandemic and subsequent uptick in fuel prices. The prices have also increased because of restrictions on the movement of vehicles in rural areas.

The price of beans has gone up from Rs 60 to Rs 90 per kg and Ooty carrot from Rs 52 to Rs 62. As potatoes and tomatoes are locally grown, the rate has not gone up. But onion prices are shooting up because it is procured from Nasik, where travel restrictions are in place.

Sellers, meanwhile, said they are forced to increase the prices because of restricted market timings. "The markets are open only from 6 am to 9 am and not many vehicles are available to carry the load," a seller said.

Neetu K, a homemaker, said the rise in prices is common during monsoon, but this time, the government should have intervened to ensure there is no increase in prices..

GROUND WORK

CM wants work to begin soon for Metro KIA line

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@ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister BS Yediyurappa, during a review meeting on Wednesday, asked Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited to begin the work at the ground level at the earliest for the Airport and Outer Ring Road lines.

BMRCL Managing Director Rakesh Singh, said, "Tenders are being called for the KR Puram-Kempegowda International Airport Line (19.75 km) and the Silk Board-KR Puram line (38.44 km)."

The chief minister wanted the Mysuru Road-Kengeri Line to be ready by July. "BMRCL was asked to restore roads below Metro lines," he said.

The CM asked BMRCL to focus on non-fare box revenue like property development, parking areas and commercial complexes.

The tenders for the Airport line was to be awarded by May 15 and was postponed to June 14 due to the pandemic. "As documents have to be given physically, we have extended the deadline further up to June 22 because of the lockdown," Singh said.

Yediyurappa directed Chief Secretary P Ravi Kumar to hold regular meetings to ensure coordination between different departments for speedy implementation of Phase-2.

CM unhappy over delay in smart city works

Bengaluru: Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa expressed displeasure over the delay in smart city road works in Bengaluru. BBMP officials promised to finish the work by June 30. Under the smart city project, 27 road works are under construction. The chief minister said that heaps of soil dumped on the roads are causing inconvenience to motorists and public. He further added that during the earlier review, the deadline was set as May 31, but officials couldn't adhere to it.

EXPRESS READ

Disruption in water supply today

There will be disruption in water supply in a few areas of the city on Thursday (June 10) including, Byadarahalli, Harris road, Millers Road, Bore Bank Road, NC Colony, SK Garden, Chinnappa Garden, AK Colony, Periyar Nagar, Kushal Nagar, Muneshwar Nagar, Sagayapuram, Kadugondanahalli, Maruti Seva Nagar, Jeevanahalli, Hutchins Road and surrounding places. Tthe disruption is because of a linking work of a newly-laid pipeline near Millers Road.

Pvt airport operators ask Centre for relief

The Association of Private Airport Operators on Wednesday appealed to the Centre for relief measures to ensure sustenance of operations at airports across the country. They said that measures are needed to save jobs as well as help the economic recovery of the aviation sector. An official release said that the overall financials of airports have been severely impacted. "Aero revenues have dipped by 75% due to lower air traffic and steep dip in passenger traffic."

'Every doc should be trained in child care'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE first ever paediatric ward and dedicated medical facility for Covid-19 affected children in Bengaluru is coming up in Padmanabhanagar. Also, since there is a shortage of pediatricians, all doctors, irrespective of their field of expertise, should be trained in child care and be prepared ahead of the third wave, Revenue Minister R Ashoka said on Wednesday.

Speaking at the launch of a two-day training and stimulation workshop for doctors and government officials on 'Management of Covid-19 in Children', Ashoka said this is the first ever such programme in the state, being held at NIMHANS. "During the first and second wave, we saw many doctors take leave and go to their hometowns. In the third wave, we hope that no doctor takes leave. Child care is a very specialised and challenging issue. Since there is a shortage of paediatricians, doctors from all fields should be trained in this ahead of the third wave. Though there are differing opinions on the impact of the third wave on children, we need to be prepared. There are 25 lakh children in Karnataka. Tele-consultation services will also be introduced exclusively for children," he said.

He pointed out that treatment has to be designed in a such way that child and parent are taken care of and no child will leave his/her mother and no parent will leave the child alone in any ward. "We have time till October to prepare. Experts, youngsters, specialised doctors from government and private sectors and NGOs, should work together. No doctor should escape from duty and training," he said.

Explaining about the Padmanabhanagar paediatric ward, a BBMP official said that of the 40 beds in Hosakerahalli referral hospital, 20 were being converted for paediatric care. The entire hospital has oxygen lines.

Vax drive for outbound Kannadigas to end tomorrow

Deputy Chief Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan, who is also the Minister of Higher Education, said on Wednesday that the special Covid vaccination drive for people of Karnataka-origin, who will leave the country for employment or educational opportunities and move abroad, will end on June 11. The drive that started on June 1, is being held at Central College, and as many as 1,200 candidates received their dose of Covishield so far.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

10th June: While I'm continuing yesterday's theme of Earth-like planets in far-away solar systems, I should also mention that we are now finding planets that seem to be like our Mars. All we have to find now is a set of other planets, just like ours, and which have a system of life, with plants, animals and oceans, just like our own Earth.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The stars are in a generally independent mood. There is no point in hoping that business associates will help you get your own way. And even if they do offer, you would be right to be a little sceptical, for this is one of those times when you should trust only yourself.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Pluto has once again been making waves; so it follows that what proves traumatic for other people, may be highly profitable and satisfactory for you. An opening at work will prove hugely tempting, but you should pause for careful thought before you act.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Today's planetary pattern is reasonably relaxed, so you may have a near easier ride than usual. As long as you take other people's hopes and wishes into account, you may meet challenges head-on, hopefully demonstrating your new-found wisdom and maturity.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Personal affairs take priority now, and planetary activity affecting your sign over the next week signifies a change in your approach to a particular relationship. Much now depends on your willingness to compromise for, believe it or not, others have much to teach you!

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You might hope that your orders will be obeyed, but children and younger relations will expect you to meet them half way. You'd better consider your position carefully, if only because the last thing you want right now is a falling-out over matters which you'd thought were signed and sealed.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Your main concern at work will be to be paid what you're worth. To turn to social affairs though, it looks as if gatherings that take place over the next fortnight will be all the more enjoyable if they are out of the ordinary. Take this into account when making your plans and you won't be sorry!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You've been giving some extra attention to the future. If you don't talk about your proposals now, you may have to wait for another month. It's especially important to consider the next step at home, and make sure that partners both understand and agree with your wishes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Your long-term stars are profoundly unsettling - in a positive sense - while today's planets can be somewhat extravagant. It therefore stands to reason that the best way to forget your troubles may be to go all out and splash some funds on a well-deserved treat or two.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
The Moon, a friendly factor, indicating that what is now truly important is that you permit yourself to release your feelings. Everything that has been held in, bottled up and generally ignored, should now be brought into the light of day. That's probably the best way to defuse major emotional tensions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Fears that someone is out to get you may owe more to your vivid imagination than to any real threat. In any case, you've been doing well enough lately to realise that you can stand on your own two feet regardless of what other people say or do. That knowledge should be enough to lift your confidence.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You were born to be a free thinker and one of your great gifts is to devise original solutions to ancient questions. It may therefore be galling if people are pinching your ideas. Be patient and work out how to make sure you receive the proper respect next time round.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You appear to be making mountains out of molehills, especially where money is concerned. You are generous to a fault, but the moment you begin to feel that you are being exploited, though, resentment may take over. This is precisely why you should exercise a little common sense.

THE PHANTOM

I'M FALLING INTO THE SEA FROM LIKE TEN KILOMETERS UP.
BECAUSE A MONSTER HIT ME AND I DIDN'T WAKE UP BEFORE WE WERE AIRBORNE....
YEIS, YOU GUESSED IT, THAT MONSTER!
9/11/2016, ED.
JE PAUL + WANG!

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

WE HAD TO POSTPONE OUR WEDDING FOR A WHOLE YEAR! BUT NOW WE'RE READY!
OH, SHAYNA, HOW WONDERFUL THAT AFTER ALL THAT TIME YOU AND DEAN STILL CHOSE EACH OTHER!
OH YEAH...WE'RE BOTH REALLY EXCITED!

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

SU DO KU

Evil: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

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						4		
			1				6	
6	5				2	8	9	
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	9	3	6				1	2
	1				4			
		8						
2				6			5	8

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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9	6	4	8	2	1	5	3	7
8	5	1	4	3	7	2	6	9
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3	2	5	7	8	9	6	1	4
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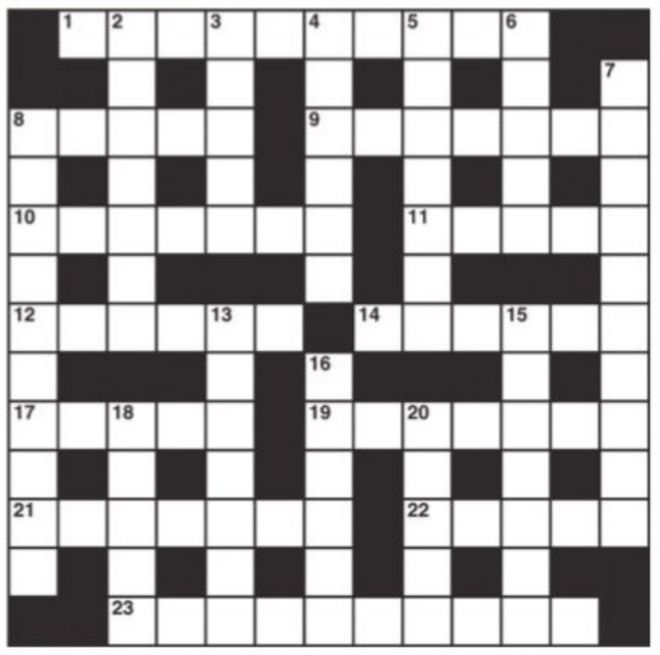


ACROSS

1 One way of remembering? (6,4)
8 Easily carried lamp (5)
9 Geraint turns out to be a thankless person (7)
10 Inferior tuft of horsehair (7)
11 The hump in the middle of bridges (5)
12 Provide two servings of dry wine in a bit (6)
14 A swift turnaround is considered proper (3,3)
17 Monastic practice (5)
19 He escaped to become famous (7)
21 It's extremely small and free of charge (7)
22 A league match (5)
23 Excitement experienced by novice poker player (5,5)

DOWN

2 Converting heights into parts (7)
3 Excel with an alfresco celebration (5)
4 Outcry of those who join in the chase (6)
5 Regalia thrown out by republic (7)
6 Animal from China for example? (5)
7 Lacking inspiration he goes for a walk (10)
8 Not right in front having been forgotten? (4,6)
13 He may bring food from the terrace (7)
15 Sprites arise if disturbed (7)
16 Agreeable question (3,3)
18 Only pretend it's a headland (5)
20 Customary order of a regular drinker (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Chumps, 4 Muscle, 9 Picture, 10 Claim, 11 Tot up, 12 Impetus, 13 Word picture, 18 Tripoli, 20 Outer, 22 Tails, 23 Asinine, 24 Canute, 25 Tsetse.

Down: 1 Capote, 2 Uncut, 3 Plumped, 5 Uncap, 6 Coaster, 7 Enmesh, 8 Verisimilar, 14 Opinion, 15 Two bits, 16 Static, 17 Freeze, 19 Onset, 21 Taint.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

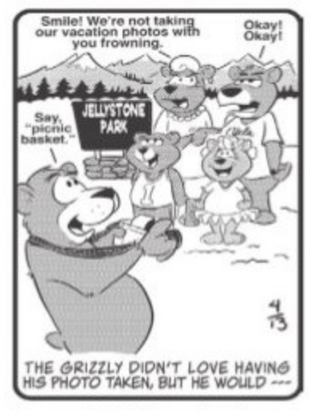
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

GRTIE

ADGRU

NCNNAO

DIRIBE


Smile! We're not taking our vacation photos with you frowning.
Okay! Okay!
Say, "picnic basket."
JELLYSTONE PARK
THE GRIZZLY DIDN'T LOVE HAVING HIS PHOTO TAKEN, BUT HE WOULD ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S: **Jumbles:**
PLUMP ABIDE CANCEL PARADE
ANSWER: They designed their food truck to have – CURB APPEAL

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Amid speculation of a change of guard in the state, BJP MP V Srinivas Prasad has said that the party high command will take a call on the matter. "Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa himself has spoken to the media on this. I have no separate opinion on the leadership issue. We will go by what the party high command decides," he added.

CM lauds Anganwadi workers, says their role vital in next Covid wave

Says they must stay in touch with health officials; ₹30L given as aid to kin of those who died

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister BS Yediyurappa on Wednesday appreciated Anganwadi workers for their role in combating Covid-19 at the grassroots level.

During the video conference with Anganwadi workers from different parts of the state, the CM said their role in protecting children is very important as experts have opined that the third wave of the Covid-19 pandemic will affect children the most. "Children with malnutrition and those suffering from ill-health must be identified and their health must be prioritised. Anganwadi workers must be in constant touch with the health department and strive to combat the pandemic," the chief minister suggested.

He said that around 85.91 per cent of Anganwadi workers and assistants have been inoculated. During the first wave, at least 20 workers and assistants lost their lives, and Rs 30 lakh was given to each family as compensation.

Girija YD, an Anganwadi worker from Bhuvaneshwarinagara Anganwadi Centre in Bengaluru, who lost her husband to Covid, was among those who interacted with the CM during the video conference. Girija tested Covid-positive along with her family members and lost her husband to Covid. After recovery, she is back to work, helping people. "All four of us were admitted to hospital. Three of us, including my mother-in-law, returned home after treatment. My husband died," Girija told the CM, who consoled Girija and advised her to take care of her health.

> Children suffering from malnutrition and ill-health must be identified and their health must be prioritised
>
> B S Yediyurappa, Chief Minister

The workers explained that along with their department's work, they work with the panchayat task force, visit houses to create awareness, identify infected persons and provide vaccination for the differently-abled. They said they are creating awareness among mothers regarding the importance of nutritious food to children.

Savithramma from Kolar district said that though there have been more deaths during the second wave of the pandemic, people have no fear and don't follow rules. To this, Yediyurappa suggested that people should be convinced to follow the rules. Leelavathi from Davanagere explained the work they do to contain Covid, and Sumalatha of Udupi explained the difficulty in distributing foodgrains to houses of the large number of beneficiaries. Impressed by her work, the chief minister invited Manjula Sangamesh from Belagavi to his home for a cup of coffee when she visits Bengaluru. Since the centres are closed due to Covid-19, the ration is delivered to houses of beneficiaries once every 15 days.

Anganwadi workers are also part of the Covid-19 management teams at the local level.

BSY TO VISIT SHIKARIPURA THIS WEEKEND

Bengaluru: Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa has undertaken a tour of his home district Shivamogga and constituency Shikaripura this weekend. He will leave on Friday from HAL by helicopter, and proceed to Hassan where he will review development work, and reach Shikaripura by 1.30pm. There, he will again review taluk development work, and proceed by road to Shivamogga on Saturday afternoon to supervise progress of other works. He will return to Bengaluru on Sunday afternoon. BJP State In-Charge General Secretary Arun Singh is expected to visit Karnataka next Wednesday to sort out differences in the party. With the Covid curfew due to be eased on Monday, critics are questioning the CM's decision to visit his constituency when there are pressing matters at hand, and the unlock phases are to be debated. They say the CM's presence is all-important in Bengaluru on these days. ENS

Congress supporters protest against the rise in fuel prices in front of the DC's office, in Shivamogga on Wednesday | SHIMOGA NANDAN

Congress launches '100 Not Out' protest against fuel prices

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

WITH fuel prices touching unprecedented levels, the Congress is set to launch a massive five-day '100 Not Out' campaign from Friday. Opposition leaders Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar will lead the protests, to be held outside 5,000 petrol bunks across the state, and highlight that petrol price has soared to Rs 100 per litre and diesel is at Rs 92 per litre.

KPCC president D K Shivakumar called on party leaders and workers to protest all across the state. Siddaramaiah said the price of fuel has been hiked by about Rs 30 over the past 12 months. He also pointed out that the government had again hiked power tariff, adding to the woes of the common man, already burdened by job losses and salary cuts.

Former minister Krishna Byre Gowda said that fuel prices have crossed Rs 100, "not because of international crude rates but because of draconian taxes on fuel by the Modi sarkar".

MLAs Priyank Kharge and Rizwan Arshad also expressed unhappiness about the burden on the ordinary citizen, at a time when international crude oil is at $70 per barrel. They pointed out that when their party was in power, crude was $130 per barrel, but the price of petrol in India was Rs 70 per litre, and by that yardstick, should be Rs 45-50 per litre now. They also brandished statistics to show how the BJP-led NDA government had hiked tax on petrol by 357 per cent, and tax on diesel by 920 per cent. Prices had been brought down marginally in March and April, when elections to five states were in progress, they added.

Comparing the price of petrol in India to that in other countries, Congress leaders said a litre of petrol costs Rs 51 in Pakistan and Rs 59.64 in Sri Lanka. While unemployment is at a peak and crores of Indians have lost jobs, and incomes of Indians have declined by up to 17 per cent, the government is "cruelly" hiking prices, they added.

Ch'nagar O_2 tragedy: Panel office in Mysuru irks victims' kin

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mysuru

THE one-man commission, headed by Justice B A Patil, to probe the oxygen tragedy in Chamarajanagar district hospital that killed 24 Covid patients, has opened its camp office in Mysuru. Even after four days of opening the office at Jaladarshini guest house, no one has deposed before it due to the lockdown and ban on inter-district travel.

The commission had issued a statement that the camp office will function from June 5 and had appealed to victims and those connected with the tragedy to depose before it and present their case. According to officials, so far only telephonic inquiries have been conducted. Submissions can be made during office hours for 15 days starting from Tuesday.

But the move has not gone down well with the kin of the deceased as many are economically weak and do not have resources to reach the camp office in Mysuru. "How can I take my sister and her children to the Mysuru camp office when it is difficult to even manage two square meals?" asked Nallaraja Nayaka, brother of Jothi. He said Jothi is yet to recover from the death of her husband Siddanayaka in Bilasavadi.

Mahesh, a relative of Siddarajamma, another victim, said, "With two small kids and aged in-laws, Siddarajamma has taken up a labourer's job after her husband died in the tragedy. She is also knocking on the doors of elected representatives and others, appealing to them to consider non-Covid patients who died due to lack of oxygen for relief. Why should they discriminate in death, when the cause is the same, the lack of oxygen?" he asked.

Meanwhile, KPCC working president R Druvanarayana has urged the government to shift the camp office to Chamarajanagar.

EXPRESS READ

'Karnataka BJP MPs failing their state'

Hassan: Slamming BJP MPs of Karnataka for allegedly failing to protect the state's interests, former minister HD Revanna said the MPs should resign instead of swindling taxpayers of their money for travelling expenses and perks. He said they are reportedly yet to get an appointment with PM Modi to discuss development work in their constituencies. ENS

'Must see how markets react when curbs go'

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

"WE have received Rs 2,700 crore in grant-in-aid so far," said an official from the Finance Department, confirming the other numbers.

"While the dent in revenues may be lesser than last year, it is too early to predict if this trend will continue. It depends on what happens once the lockdown is lifted and how markets react to it," said another official from the department. Shorter lockdown duration, keeping industries open with restrictions, allowing construction and related activities etc, seem to have helped, but the State is also incurring additional expenditure this fiscal year.

"The Rs 1,850 crore economic package, announced by Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa recently, will be an additional expenditure on the budget estimates. While we have instructed departments to use funds that have been carried forward or already allocated to start disbursing aid, additional costs will be shown as revised budget estimates," a senior official of the Finance Department said.

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S. No	Facility/Loan	Limits	Outstanding as on:30.04.2021
1	Housing Loan	Rs 15,00,000/-	Rs 13,92,606.43/-
	Total	Rs 15,00,000/-	Rs 13,92,606.43/-

Amount Outstanding : as on 30.04.2021, A/c No. 124130100002777, Rs 13,92,606.43/- (Rupees Thirteen lakhs ninety two thousand six hundred six rupees and forty three paise only) together with interest.

NPA Date: 30.04.2021 Demand Date : 07.05.2021

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ENERGIZING POSSIBILITIES FOR A RESILIENT NATION

Extract from the Audited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter and Financial Year Ended 31st March 2021

(₹ in crore Except EPS)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Standalone				Consolidated			
		Quarter Ended		Financial Year Ended		Quarter Ended		Financial Year Ended	
		31st March 2021	31st March 2020	31st March 2021	31st March 2020	31st March 2021	31st March 2020	31st March 2021	31st March 2020
		Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited
1.	Total income from operations	15,549.07	17,755.01	56,737.79	71,885.63	15,757.16	17,938.08	57,428.26	72,576.98
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	2,611.59	2,555.70	6,385.81	7,943.36	3,218.85	3,598.70	7,725.45	10,428.94
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	2,611.59	2,555.70	6,385.81	7,943.36	3,218.85	3,598.70	7,725.45	10,428.94
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1,907.67	3,018.20	4,890.18	6,620.63	2,534.64	4,813.88	6,142.82	9,514.64
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	2,635.44	1,375.69	6,172.57	3,820.67	3,140.18	3,259.88	7,468.77	6,781.75
6.	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face value of ₹10/- each)	4,440.39	4,510.14	4,440.39	4,510.14	4,440.39	4,510.14	4,440.39	4,510.14
7.	Reserve excluding Revaluation Reserves as per balance sheet			39,043.09	37,529.45			42,792.37	42,888.15
8.	Earning Per Share (Face value ₹10/- each)								
	(a) Basic	4.24	6.69	10.85	14.68	5.52	10.48	13.61	20.89
	(b) Diluted	4.24	6.69	10.85	14.68	5.52	10.48	13.61	20.89
	(EPS for the quarter not annualized)								

Notes:-

1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results for the Quarter and Financial Year ended 31st March 2021 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the Stock Exchanges website (www.nseindia.com, www.bseindia.com) and Company's website (www.gailonline.com).
2. The above results are in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 , (Ind AS) prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013, read with the relevant rules issued thereunder and other accounting principles generally accepted in India.
3. Figures for the previous periods have been regrouped, wherever necessary, to conform to the current period's classification.

Place : New Delhi
Date : 9th June, 2021

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TRACKING COVID-19

SPEED AND RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA

10,959 CASES REPORTED TODAY

9,808 CASES REPORTED YESTERDAY

TALLY STANDS AT

TODAY 27,28,248

YESTERDAY 27,17,289

DEATHS

TODAY 192 | YESTERDAY 179

DISCHARGES

TODAY 20,246 | YESTERDAY 23,449

ACTIVE CASES

TODAY 2,15,525 | YESTERDAY 2,25,004

POSITIVITY RATE

TODAY 8.79%

YESTERDAY 8.80%

The day positivity rate – 6.68% is calculated as the number of patients testing positive out of 100 tests conducted only in a day.

MORTALITY RATE

TODAY 1.18%

YESTERDAY 1.18%

RECOVERY RATE

TODAY 90.91%

YESTERDAY 90.53 %

The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8, 2020. Since then until June 9, 2021, a total of 27,28,248 cases have been reported in 1 year and 90 days...

1,59,33,071 Total doses administered in state

VACCINATION DRIVE STATUS

Number of people completing vaccination	29,29,356
Health care workers 1st dose	7,30,668
Health care workers 2nd dose	4,78,108
Frontline workers 1st dose	6,66,513
Frontline workers 2nd dose	2,21,544
Age 18-45 1st dose	24,01,275
Age 18-45 2nd dose	5,297
Above 45 1st dose	92,05,259
Above 45 2nd dose	22,24,407

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES

LAST 24 HOURS

2,395 BENGALURU URBAN

385 BENGALURU RURAL

Bagalkot: 96	Chamarajnagar: 254	Dakshina Kannada: 594	Hassan: 745	Kolar: 239	Raichur: 20	Udupi: 413
Ballari: 211	Chikkaballapur: 268	Davanagere: 227	Haveri: 97	Koppal: 157	Ramanagara: 50	Uttara Kannada: 312
Belagavi: 341	Chikkamagaluru: 339	Dharwad: 275	Kalaburagi: 48	Mandya: 397	Shivamogga: 562	Vijayapura: 158
Bidar: 9	Chitradurga: 200	Gadag: 95	Kodagu: 216	Mysuru: 1,163	Tumakuru: 662	Yadgir: 31

Doctors have reported an increase in cases of moderate to complete hearing loss in the second wave

Now, questions over Delta variant link to hearing loss

CHETANA BELAGERE @ Bengaluru

WHILE England and Scotland have confirmed that the most infectious Delta variant of the SARS-COV2 virus has increased hospitalisation, doctors in Karnataka are seeing an increase in many Covid-19 patients coming in with complaints of hearing loss during the second wave, along with symptoms of gangrene.

Though there is no evidence yet on the increase in such cases during the second wave, like in the case of mucormyrosis, doctors confirmed that there has definitely been an increase in such cases related to either moderate to complete hearing loss problems.

Dr Susheen Dutt, Consultant ENT Specialist, Fortis Hospital, Bannerghatta Road, said, "Covid-19 is a neurotropic virus with a propensity to involve cranial nerves. There have been reports of facial nerve palsy (7th cranial nerve) in Covid-19 patients along with common loss of olfactory nerve function, i.e., the loss of smell. So, it is not surprising for Covid-19 to potentially cause hearing nerve dysfunction as part of the infection."

While it is known that hearing loss is associated with Covid, doctors say patients who have tested positive experienced hearing loss even during the first wave. Hence, it may be difficult to associate hearing loss with only the Delta variant.

Dr Santosh Sivaswamy, Consultant, ENT, at Columbia Asia Hospital, Hebbal, (a unit of Manipal Hospitals), said, "Even during the first wave, once the lockdown was lifted, many patients visited us with ear block symptoms. We found moderate to complete hearing loss problems. Medications and surgery were considered as a treatment modality where the patients have recovered to a large extent. We are seeing these cases again, but we cannot say it is only due to the Delta variant."

Doctors warn that many who have tested positive are more concerned about breathing problems or other issues, and tend to ignore ear block or hearing loss. They even try many home remedies, which should be avoided. "Even if they experience ear block or hearing loss, they may delay consulting a doctor due to fear of the pandemic. After the lockdown is lifted, they should address the hearing problem and consult doctors," Dr Santosh said.

Cases associated with black fungus are still on the rise while an increase in MIS-C condition in children too is being seen during the second wave.

Dr Anita Suryanarayan, Vice President & Quality Assurance (South SBU), Metropolis Healthcare Ltd, says, "It is advisable for parents to keep a watch on their children who have recently recovered from Covid and probably on the advice of a paediatrician, do a post-Covid monitoring profile which would include tests like CBC, CRP, D-dimer, Procalcitonin, ferritin levels, follow up on chest X-ray and antibody levels, etc."

Amongst other symptoms associated with the second wave are severe gastric upsets, cardiac arrests and blood clots leading to gangrene.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

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>
> Dr Santosh Sivaswamy, Consultant, ENT, at Columbia Asia

FOR VARIANTS

Genomic surveillance panel set up

ENS @ Bengaluru

WITH the Centre mandating that genomic surveillance should be done for 5 per cent of the Covid-19 positive cases, the State Government has formed a Genomic Surveillance Committee which will assist the Karnataka Covid-19 Task Force in taking decisions towards controlling the Covid-19 pandemic.

The committee will work with public health experts and institutions to generate surveillance and develop health protocols at the state level.

The committee will look into preparation of sero-surveillance strategy for Karnataka and prioritisation, Covid-19 genome sequencing to study virus variations/mutations, further RT-PCR tests validations/calibrations across virus mutants, and in-depth analysis of genome surveillance and vaccination to identify immune escape versions of the virus and their spread.

Meanwhile, virologist Dr Ravi V will be the committee chairman.

AFTER KIMS ROW, GOVT PLANS GEO-FENCING OF DOCTORS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hubballi

AFTER reports of some doctors at **Karnataka Institute of Medical Sciences** (KIMS) allegedly skipping work in the hospital and practising privately during duty hour, the State Government is actively thinking about introducing geo-fencing technology to ensure that doctors remain at the workplace, Health and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar said on Wednesday.

The issue of KIMS doctors, especially senior specialists, skipping duty to practise in private hospitals had come during Sudhakar's visit last month. The minister had said that complaints regarding senior doctors, specialists and department heads not visiting the wards had come to his notice and most of the allegations were true. "Since they chose the profession by choice and but not by force, they should not deceive their conscience", he had advised and also warned of strict action against erring doctors.

Thereafter, a news channel conducted a sting operation and allegedly exposed some doctors skipping duty and practising outside. This caused a furore among the doctors at KIMS and the doctors' association urged the institute director Dr Ramalingappa Anatartani not to take action based on the sting operation, calling it a malicious campaign carried out to defame KIMS doctors. Following this, Deputy Commissioner Nitesh Patil had sought a detailed report from the KIMS director.

On Wednesday, Minister Sudhakar said, "We are planning to install geo-fencing technology to ensure that doctors don't skip duty hours. I have also instructed all hospitals to install CCTV cameras in all wards and ICU".

"I had expressed my dissatisfaction about the functioning of KIMS when I had visited Hubballi last week. I had ordered an inquiry and I have been told that the report is ready. As soon as I get the report, I will look into the matter and initiate legal action. There is no question of protecting anybody," he added.

2-day vaccination drive for sportspersons

BENGALURU: The State Government has organised a two-day vaccination camp for sportspersons from Karnataka at Sree Kanteerava Stadium on June 10 and 11. The government has set a target of vaccinating 10,000 sportspersons. Apart from the camp, vaccination will be administered to all sportspersons in the state till each one of them is fully-vaccinated, Sports Minister Narayana Gowda said in a release. He said 2,200 sportspersons have registered and those interested can contact the office of the assistant director, Sree Kanteerava Stadium, for registration. **ENS**

AFTER JUNE 14...

State Govt may opt for unlocking in 4-5 phases

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

REVENUE Minister R Ashoka on Wednesday indicated that the lockdown in the state may be lifted in 4-5 phases after June 14. He said that in the first phase, lockdown relaxation hours may be relaxed from the existing 6 to 9 am to 12.30 pm.

Speaking to the media on the sidelines of a training programme for doctors and officials on Covid-19 management for children ahead of the possible third wave, Ashoka said that the decision of unlocking and the phases will also depend on the number of positive cases, deaths and positivity rate. He said that a meeting with Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar and experts will be held either on June 11 or 12.

"The final decision will be taken by the CM... the first phase could see relaxation in lockdown hours, opening of the industrial sector, parks and gardens. A decision on inter-state travel is yet to be taken. The target is, however, to first bring down the number of daily cases to 500. Work from home will be stressed and, if the cases continue to rise after unlocking, then the decisions could be rolled back as well," he emphasised.

Sudhakar said that if all restrictions are lifted at one go, then the work done so far will go to waste. "There will be a rush at markets. So, a staggered unlock is ideal. Even in the lockdown, citizens are loitering around and the police have been told to come down heavily on them," he added.

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta said, "If people are expecting a normal life in the coming days, then that is not possible. There will be restrictions on gatherings for a long time. Experts from different fields are trying to understand the needs of the future."

Meanwhile, on the issue of Yediyurappa continuing as CM, Ashok said, "I am not an astrologer. But he will remain in the post for the next two years. It's not a seat on a bus that you can keep a towel on, to claim it. Our party issues are internal matters and the Opposition should not interfere. I am not aspiring to be the CM."

A jam-packed SJP Road during the state-wide lockdown in Bengaluru on Wednesday | VINOD KUMAR T

A health worker collects swab samples of a man in Bengaluru on Wednesday. The city reported 2,395 fresh Covid-19 cases | SHRIRAM BN

'Vaccine production a big challenge for K'taka'

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ONLY 0.01 per cent (4,293) have completed their dosage in the 3.26 crore 18-44 age-group segment — the largest in the State — with 3,25,95,707 (3.25 crore) still waiting for the vaccination.

Dr Giridhar Babu, epidemiologist at the Indian Institute of Public Health, and member of the State's Covid Technical Advisory Committee, said, "Meticulous microplanning and energetic mobilisation campaign are necessary to improve the coverage. Lessons from the other immunisation programmes will be helpful in planning. Also, it is important to address social mobilisation in population groups which have concerns about vaccines." So far, Karnataka has received 1,55,09,430 doses of vaccines, including 1,36,53,840 doses of Covishield and 18,55,590 doses of Covaxin. Of these, 1,36,12,490 were supplied from the Centre and 18,96,940 were procured by the State Government.

Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar said now that the decentralised policy is rolled back and the Centre will procure 75 per cent of vaccine production, the State cannot procure vaccines. "The biggest challenge is the production capacity. It has now been scaled up significantly. With supplies streamlined and states already administering about 2-3 lakh doses per day, we will scale up the vaccination drive with better speed and coverage. I am hopeful that we will be able to vaccinate every eligible citizen by the year-end," he said.

Recently, villagers of Shivapura in Gundlupet taluk threatened to commit suicide if health workers insisted that they take the jab.

In another incident in the same taluk, a man in an inebriated state came out of his house with a sickle when health staff asked him to take the vaccine. These are just a few examples of vaccine hesitancy in rural areas. Mysuru is among the districts leading the vaccination drive in the State. But hesitancy still prevails in certain pockets, especially tribal areas, officials said. What remains a concern is the low coverage in Chamarajanagar, which has recorded only 2,28,312 inoculations so far. Authorities blame it on the present restrictions on categories.

Trials for paediatric vaccine

Currently, two paediatric vaccine trials are going on in Karnataka. Jeevan Rekha Hospital in Belagavi has conducted the first phase of clinical trials on 20 children in the 12-18 age group with ZyCov-D vaccine. They started the trials in February this year. The children were administered three doses of ZyCov-D vaccine. Another set of trials is in Mysuru at Cheluvamba Hospital on children in the age group of 2-18 years with Covaxin. The hospital is waiting for the SOP to finalise the number of children to be included in the trial.

COVID BYTES

Kin of health workers now in priority group

BENGALURU : After the State Government identified priority groups for vaccination in the 18-44 age category, families or dependents of health care workers, who are also vulnerable, have now been included in the list. However, only those dependents and family members who stay with the health workers in the same house will be prioritised for vaccination. The State Government will use the vaccines procured by it to inoculate the 18-44 category of dependents, while for the family members who are aged above 45, vaccine doses sent by the Union government can be used.

Active Covid-19 count in B'luru drops below 1L

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

IN some relief, active Covid-19 cases in Bengaluru fell below the one lakh mark on Wednesday. According to the Health Department bulletin, the city saw 2,395 fresh cases, taking the total tally to 11,89,541 cases and the active case load to 98,125 cases. The active case load in the city reached 3,60,862 cases on May 15 and has been steadily declining since then.

Meanwhile, the state recorded 10,959 new cases taking the tally since the beginning of the pandemic last year to 27,28,248. The daily positivity rate now stands at 8.79% with an active case load of 2,15,525. On May 17, the city saw 6,03,639 active cases.

The mortality rate in the state, however, continues to remain at 1.18% with 192 people succumbing on Wednesday. On Tuesday, the state reported 179 deaths. Meanwhile, Bengaluru reported 50 deaths on Wednesday with a mortality rate of 1.27 per cent.

Police personnel stop motorists during curfew on BC Road in Mangaluru | EXPRESS

In DK, fresh cases dip, but TPR still a worry

VINCENT D'SOUZA @ Mangaluru

Though the number of fresh Covid-19 cases are on the decline in Dakshina Kannada since the last few days, the Test Positivity Rate (TPR) continues to be high, which is a cause for worry in view of the State Government's announcement that the TPR should be less than 5 per cent to relax the lockdown.

The district has been seeing a daily TPR between 15 and 24 per cent over the last one week. Surprisingly, rural areas are witnessing more cases, forcing the authorities to shift

their focus. Zilla Panchayat CEO Kumara said that of the over 7,000 active cases in the district, over 3,800 cases are from rural areas. He attributed the rise in rural ares to a huge influx of people back home from cities.

To bring down the cases in rural areas, the authorities have brought in a slew of measures like increasing containment zones, banning weddings and other social gatherings, conducting awareness programmes among people, etc.

"We have declared villages that have more than 50 active cases as containment zones and banned weddings and other events there. The situation is being monitored every day through video-conferencing," the ZE CEO futher said.

Military intel helps bust illegal phone exchange

Used to serve individuals and small firms; two supects arrested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

IN a joint operation, the Military Intelligence (Southern Command) and the Anti-Terrorist Cell (ATC) of the CCB have arrested two persons who had allegedly set up an illegal telephone exchange and were converting international calls into local calls, causing loss to telecom companies and putting national security at risk.

The arrested are Ibrahim Pullatil (36), who hails from the Mallapuram district in Kerala, and Gowtham V (27), a native of Tirupur district in Tamil Nadu. The police have seized 30 SIM box devices and more than 900 SIM cards from them. Each SIM box device can hold 32 SIM cards.

Police said the operation was conducted based on information gathered by the Military Intelligence. It was found that the accused had installed SIM box devices at six locations in BTM Layout and all six places were raided simultaneously.

"By setting up the illegal telephone exchange, the accused converted international calls into local calls bypassing authorised routers. They had their own set of customers, including small firms and individuals, who have to make international calls daily as part of their business. The accused charged Rs 1 per pulse rate against Rs 10 as charged in the legal channel. They used to make anywhere between Rs 10-15 lakh a month by running this illegal business," an official said.

Further investigation revealed that Pullatil was running the illegal trade. "He was part of an international network in Dubai and started the telephone exchange after returning to India... Besides, it was also found that he was running a hawala trade and we are looking into it," the official added.

Equipment that was used to operate the illegal telephone exchange, which was set up by Ibrahim Pullatil (top right) and Gautam V.

State govt transfers 12 IPS officers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE State Government transferred 12 IPS officers on Wednesday.

While Bengaluru Rural SP Ravi D Channannavar has been transferred to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), he has been replaced by Kona Vamsi Krishna, who was the Tumakuru SP. The SP of Coastal Security Police (CSP), R Chethan, has been posted as SP of Mysuru district, replacing CB Ryshyanth, who will now take over as the SP of Davanagere. Kolar SP Karthik Reddy is transferred as SP, Wireless, Bengaluru, replacing Adduru Srinivasulu, who is posted as DCP (Law & Order) of Kalaburagi city. Rahul Kumar Shahapurwad, who was in the CID, is posted as the SP of the Tumakuru district.

Davanagere SP Hanumantharaya is transferred as Haveri SP, replacing KG Devaraju, who is in turn transferred to the CID. Meanwhile, AN Prakash Gowda, who was DCP (Law & Order), Mysuru city, is transferred to the Internal Security Division (ISD). He has been replaced by ISD SP Pradeep Gunti. Dekka Kishore Babu, DCP (Law & order) of Kalaburagi City, is the new SP of Kolar district.

CD case: Woman moves HC against SIT

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court issued notice to the State government, Home department, City Police Commissioner and SIT on a petition filed by the woman in the controversial CD case, allegedly involving former minister **Ramesh Jarkiholi**.

Justice S Vishwajith Shetty issued notice after hearing the petition filed by the woman, seeking to quash the order passed to constitute the SIT and issue direction to the state to form a fresh team to investigate her complaint of rape against the former minister, under the supervision of the HC.

Contending that the very constitution of the SIT, based on a letter written by the accused to the Home Minister, is itself illegal, as it was not constituted as per CrPC, the petitioner alleged that SIT is protecting the former minister, who has not been arrested even two months after an FIR was registered. He was not even subjected to a medical test for DNA profiling, as per law, she alleged.

She stated in her petition that after intervention of the high court, her statement was recorded behind closed doors by the magistrate. However, on April 2, 2021, media started carrying contents of her statement, which was leaked by the SIT in connivance with the political executive of the government, to traumatise her. It is enough and more reason to believe the SIT was not conducting a fair investigation, she alleged.

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"e" Procurement Notice for Road Work
Identification No.- Online Tender- Road N.C.B. No. 292 for 2021-22.
O-312 Letter No. 1929 /WE Date 08.06.2021

1. Name of the work :- Road work
2. Total No. of work :- 1No. (One)
3. Estimated Cost :- Rs.206.04 lakhs (Approximately)
4. Eligible Class of Contractor :- 'B' Class, 'A' Class (of Odisha P.W.D.) or relevant Class of other licensing authorities (as per annexure).
5. Period of Completion :- 7 (Seven) Calendar months for the work.
6. Other details :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification.	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O S.E.R.W. Circle, Balasore	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Balasore	NCB No.-292	18.06.2021 at 11.00 A.M	05.07.2021 Up to 5.00 P.M.	02.07.2021 Up to 5.00 P.M.	06.07.2021 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

Further details can be seen from the website: **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**
Sd/- Er.P. K.Sahoo, Superintending Engineer, R.W. Circle, Balasore. OIPR-25105/11/0006/2122

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1	17312595	Loan Against Property	1. Mr. Noushad Baig 2. Mrs. Navida Begum	11-04-2021	INR 3332448.19/-	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Immovable Residential Vacant Property Bearing Site No. 10, Kasagattapura, Grama Panchayath Gramatana Khatha No. 2/1, Situated At: Soladevanahalli Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Banglore North Taluk, Including All Rights, Privileges And Appurtenances There To And Measuring East To West: 50' -0" (fifty) Feet, North To South: 80'-0" (eighty_ Feet, Totally Measuring 4000 Square Feet. And Bounded As: **East : Sri S.I. Narasimhamurthy's Property, West : Road, South : Sri Manjunath's Property, North : Late P. Narasimhaiah's Property**
2	28889703	Loan Against Property	1. Mr. Anill Kumar J 2. Mr. M Jayaram 3. Mrs. Thayamma H	10.05.2021	INR 6684967.78/-	All That Part And Parcel Of The Property Bearing Site No. 18, Katha No. 103, Situated At Doddanekkundi Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Presenty Comes Under The Limits Of Bbmp And Measuring East To West: 40ft And North To South: 30 In Total Measuring 111.42 Sq.mtrs, And Bounded: **East : Road , West: Katha No. 100, North: Site No. 102, South : Site No. 19 Belongs To Mr B.v.prasad**
3	10038550 & 22080419	Loan Against Property	1. Pushpashekar K 2. Chandrashekar Ramdass 3. Chandra Shekar Nagesh	11.04.2021	INR 2711642.73/-	All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Bbmp Katha New No.40, Old House List No.180/1 Measuring East To West 40 Feet And North To South 40 Feet, Formed In Land Bearing Survey No.147 Of Chikkabaswadi Village, K.R. Puram (H) Bangalore, East Taluk, Comprising Of Ground And First Floor Building, And Bounded As: **East: Private Property West : 30 Feet Road, South : Property Bearing House List No.39North: 30 Feet Road**

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Authorized Officer
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Date : 10.06.2021
Place : Bangalore

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(Contact No. : 96461 22185)

Tender Enquiry No. 233/SS(D)-I/2021 | Dated : 08.06.2021

Dy. CE/Substation Design / TS Organization, PSPCL, C-1, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender For Manufacturing, Testing and Delivery of 15 Nos. 20 MVA, 66/11 KV Power Transformers. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 10.06.2021 (11.00 AM onwards).**

Note: Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

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The hospital authority is disposing-off / shredding off the medical documents about the Inpatient Case sheets of Non-MedicoLegal Cases from the 1st January 2010 to 31st December 2010 and X-ray films, MRI films and CT Scan films of Non-MLC case related from the period from 1st January 2014 to 31st December 2014. Therefore, the patients/legal heirs or authorized persons of the patients who wish to keep copies of their medical documents of the above period may kindly approach the Medical Records Department of the hospital within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After this deadline, the hospital authority is not responsible for providing medical case sheets, x-ray, MRI films, CT films and so forth about the period mentioned above.

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No. DMA/2021-22/IND12174 Date: 10.06.2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement portal only)

Tenders are invited from the qualified bidders for **Renewal of existing Symantec End Point Protection Antivirus software licenses for 200 seats in KMDS datacenter** through e-procurement mode using **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** of e-governance department. The calendar of bid is briefly as follows:-

- Pre-bid meeting : **15.06.2021 at 11:30 am**
- Last date for receipt of tender : **29.06.2021 at 5:30 pm**
- Opening of Technical Bid on : **30.06.2021.**

Please visit website : **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** to submit bids

Sd/- Joint Director (Reforms)
DIPR/DDU/YC/505/2021-22 **Karnataka Municipal Data Society, Bengaluru**

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e-Procurement Tender Notice

Sl.No.	NIT No.	Name of Work
1	NIT.No.7/RFP/SAC/SBM(G)/SWM/CE/2021-22, Dt .09.06 2021	Procurement of Auto Tippers for Door to Door Waste Collection in Rural areas in Andhra Pradesh.
2	NIT.No.8/RFP/SAC/SBM(G)/SWM/CE/2021-22 Dt.09-06-2021.	Operation & Maintenance of Auto Tippers for a period of 5 years for Door to Door Waste Collection in Rural Areas in ULBs in Andhra pradrsh.
3	NIT.No.9/RFP/SAC/SBM(G)/SWM/CE/2021-22, Dt.09-06-2021	M/S/D of 40 L HDPE Bins to Tricycles for Door to Door Waste Collection in Rural areas in Andhra Pradesh.

The above bid can be downloaded on "ap-eprocurement" portal from 11-06-2021, 10.00 AM to 24-06-2021, 3.00 PM and due date submission of Bid is on 24-06-2021 up to 5.00 PM. Bid opening on 24-06-2021 at 5.30 PM. Please refer to **www.apeprocurement.gov.in** for details.

Sd/- Managing Director, SAC, Vijayawada
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(I). e-Tenders are invited from the registered transport companies for transportation of Seeds and Material (e-tender ID-23650).

Due date and time of tender bid submission(Online) is **01.07.2021 upto 14:00Hrs.**

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No: EE/P-W/TN/08/2021-22 Date: 09.06.2021

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (IFT)
(Two Cover System) (Through **GOK e-Procurement Portal** only)

The Executive Engineer, Project Division, West Zone invites tenders on Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru from eligible Tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below. **Standard Bid Document-KW-4.**

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Est. Amount (₹. in Lakhs)
1.	Additional Works to Maternity Hospital (Phase-IV) in Ward No-74, Shakthiganapathinagara.	200.00

Note: Paying of EMD for this work is Exempted as per GOK order No: ಅಇ 675, Cost-12/2020, Bengaluru Dated: 22-12-2020 to 31.12.2021

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents may be downloaded in the e-procurement portal Government of Karnataka from **14.06.2021**. (2) Last date and Time for Receipt of Queries (through E-Portal Only) on **28.06.2021** upto **4:00** pm. (3) Date & Time for Pre-Bid Meeting is on **30.06.2021** at **4:00** pm. (4) Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders is **09.07.2021** upto **4:00** pm. (5) Opening of Bids (Technical Bid) on **12.07.2021** at **4:30** pm. (6) Opening of Bids (Financial Bid) on **14.07.2021** (If possible). Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** **Sd/-**

Executive Engineer-Project Division, West Zone

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NO:TMU/PRODN/67/N/PART-X/2021-22 DATE:31.05.2021

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (KMF).
(Tender Notification)

The Tumkur Co-Operative Milk Producers Societies Union Ltd., Tumkur invites E-procurement tenders from public sector insurance companies for Fire & Burglary coverage (Storage of Milk, Milk Products & Milk Packing Materials) & Transit Insurance coverage for Milk, Milk Products & Packaging Material as mentioned below:

PART-A (only through E-PROCURMENT)

Sl. No.	E-PROCUREMWNT TENDER NO	WORK DESCRIPTION
1	IFT NO: TMU/PRODN/010/2021-22 DATE:17-05-2021	1. Fire & Burglary Insurance coverage for Milk, Milk Products & Packing Materials stock at Tumkur Dairy & Hired Godowns 2. Transit Insurance coverage for Milk, Milk Powder, Butter, Primary and Secondary Packaging materials and Milk Crates

PART –B (only through E-PROCUREMENT)

SL.NO.	DESCRIPTION	DATE/TIME
01	Tender upload date	09-06-2021
02	Last date & time for receipt of tenders	16-06-2021 / 2.00 P.M
03	Time & date of opening of technical tender bid	18-06-2021 / 2.30 P.M
04	Web Site Address For E-tender	**www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

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IFT. No: KBJNL/ SLI Divn./ FMS /2021-22/ 110 Dated: 04.06.2021

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e- Procurement only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore , the Executive Engineer KBJNL, Sonthi LI Division, Khanapur Tq: Shahapur invites tenders on Short term Percentage basis in two cover system on e-procurement portal for the following work from Reputed Manufacturers of River and Stream Volumetric Flow meters. The intending bidders can submit bids as registered companies. The tenderers are required to submit through e-portal only.

1) Details of work :DESIGN, SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF AUTOMATED VOLUMETRIC FLOW METER ON BHIMA RIVER WITH WATER LEVEL AND RESERVOIR CAPACITY MONITORING SYSTEM FOR SONTHI /YADGIR/ JOLADADAGI-GUDUR BARRAGES ALONG WITH EARLY WARNING AND SOFTWARE DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEM AND INCLUDING 60-MONTHS OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE FULL SYSTEM AFTER COMMISSIONING. 2) Amount put to tender : **Rs. 202.71 lakhs,** 3. Contractors class : Registered companies under Indian companies Act, 4) Tender process fee: As per e-portal, 5) EMD : EMD declaration should be submitted, 6) Submission of completed e-tendering documents : **From: 21.06.2021 to 30.06.2021 up to 5.00 pm.,** 7) Date and time of Pre-Bid meeting : **23.06.2021 at 11.30 am,** 8) Submission of completed e-tendering document: **30.06.2021 up to 5.00 pm.,** 9) Date and time of opening of tenders: **02.07.2021 at 11.30 am,** 10) Place of opening of tenders and Pre-Bid meeting : Office of the Chief Engineer, KBJNL, Canal Zone-1, Bheemarayanagudi.

The tender details can be obtained from the e-procurement platform. For any additional information's please contact the office of the undersigned during office hours.

DIP/Yadgiri/54/MC&A/2021-22 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Sonthi Lift Irrigation Division, Khanapura Camp**

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क्रम सं Sr. No	निविदा संख्या Tender No.	वस्तु वर्णन Item Description	संख्या Qty
1	IND/374/MISC/2020	डोना पौला, गोवा स्थित सीएसआईआर एनआईओ में ३ वर्ष के लिए न्यूनतम १२ प्रयोगयोग्य सार्वजनिक आईपी एवं रेडेन्डेट फाइबर लिंक्स पर लास्ट माइल डिलिवरी के साथ 200Mbps (1.1) समर्पित वायर्ड लीज्ड लाइन संयोजकता की आपूर्ति, स्थापना और प्रवर्तन में लाना। Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 200Mbps(1.1) dedicated wired leased line connectivity to CSIR NIO, Dona Paula, Goa with minimum 12usable public IPs and last mile delivery on redundant fiber links for 03years.	1

जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि / Last date of submission: **3/7/2021 18:00**
निविदा खोलने की तिथि / Date of opening bid: **5/7/2021 11:00**
पूछताछ और पत्राचार / Enquiries and correspondence: **Controller of Stores & Purchase**
फोन/Phone: **0832-2450230**; ईमेल/email: **spo@nio.org**

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DEMAND NOTICE U/s 13(2)

You the below mentioned borrower has availed loan by mortgaging the schedule mentioned property and you the below mention has stood as borrower/co- borrower guarantor for the loan agreement. Consequent to the defaults committed by you, your loan account has been classified as non- performing asset on **03/06/2021** under the provisions of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (in short SARFAESI Act). We Home First Finance Company India Limited have issued Demand Notice u/s 13(2) read with section 13(13) of the SARFAESI Act to the address furnished by you. The said notices are issued as on 03/06/2021 and these notices state that you have committed default in payment of the various loans sanctioned to you. Therefore, the present publication carried out to serve the notice as the provision of Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act and in terms of provision to the rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002:

Sl. No.	Name And Address Of The Account, Borrower(S)& Guarantor(S)	Details Of The Security To Be Enforced	Total Outstanding as on date of Demand Notice plus further interest and other expenses (in Rs.)
1	YAMUNA THAPA, KISHORE R	Site No.11, Srikantapura Urph Anchepalya Grama, Dasanapura Hobli, Banglore North, Bengaluru Bengaluru Karnataka 562123	6,38,325
2	Ganesh G M, Mahesh Kumar G M, Girija	House No. 31, No7 5th Cross NGR Layout Rupena Agarahara Village Begur Hobli Bangalore Karnataka 560068	21,55,911
3	Nandeesh M S, Reshma J	Site no 23, khata no 161, Assessment no 17/10 bhailakonenahalli, dasanapura hoblu, bangalore north Bangalore Karnataka 562130	18,87,531
4	Vinod Sundar, Arun Kumar Sundar, Raja Sundaram	House No. 2, Southern portion of Site Bearing No-02, Formed in Assessment No.70/3, Situated at Shettihalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk Bangalore Karnataka 560015	24,15,884

You are hereby called upon to pay **Home First Finance Company India Limited** within the period of 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice the aforesaid amount with interest and cost failing which **Home First Finance Company India Limited** will take necessary action under the Provisions of the said Act against all or any one or more of the secured assets including taking possession of secured assets of the borrowers, mortgagors and the guarantors. The power available to the **Home First Finance Company India Limited** under the said act include (1) Power to take possession of the secured assets of the borrowers/guarantors including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment of sale for releasing secured assets (2) Take over management of the secured assets including rights to transfer by ways of lease, assignment or sale and realize the secured assets and any transfer as of secured assets by **Home First Finance Company India Limited** shall vest in all the rights and relation to the secured assets transferred as it the transfer has been made by you.

In terms of the Provisions of the Section 13(13) of the said act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the normal course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to above and hypothecated/mortgaged to the **Home First Finance Company India Limited** without prior consent of the **Home First Finance Company India Limited.**

Place: Bangalore;
Date: 10/06/2021

Signed by: AUTHORISED OFFICER,
Home First Finance Company India Limited

PARADIP PORT TRUST

e-TENDER CALL NOTICE: EM/MCHP-17/2021 CORRIGENDUM-II

Name of the Work: "Supply of manpower for Assistance in Operation & Maintenance of interconnectivity of IOHP to MCHP". **Estimated Cost: Rs.2,08,69,487/-, Last Date & Time of bid submission is EXTENDED up to 16.06.2021** at 17:15 Hrs.

Refer our **website for details https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.**

Executive Engineer (M),
Machanised Coal Handling Plant
PPT/PR/42/21-22 Dated: 09.06.2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public are hereby informed that, my client SRI. M. R. MAHESH, S/o Ramachandra, residing at Menasiganahalli Grama, Vanakanahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Anekal Town, has lost the original Documents relating to the title deedsi.e., Original Sale Deed dated 07.09.1996 executed by Sri. Mathew Yahonan in favour of Sri. G. P. Srinivas Reddy, vide Document No.2735/1996-97, of Book-I, in the office of the Sub-registrar, Anekal, Bangalore and Sale Deed dated 25.11.2006 executed by Sri. G. P. Srinivas Reddy in favour of Smt. Amrin Ayesha, Vide Document No.ANK-1-27754/2006-07, of Book-I and stored in CD No.ANKD178, in the office of the Sub-registrar, Anekal, Bangalore. He has lodged a Complaint to the jurisdictional Police Station. If anybody found these Documents, be sent to me to the following address:

B. SUBRAYA KHARVI, Advocate,
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Sr.No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Description	Qty. (Nos/Sets)	EMD(₹)
1.	14211094 / 02.07.2021	Adhesive for LHB Coaches.	47736 Litre	838620/-
2.	01211131 / 30.06.2021	Primary Spring for LHB Coaches (Inner)	1218 Nos	1,08,830/-
3.	05211088 / 01.07.2021	Front Sheets (Two Types)	724 Nos	1,28,250/-

1. For details and making On-line bids, visit Website **http://ireps.gov.in** Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF Website **http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in. Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at http://www.cce.gov.in** 2. All Limited tenders and Advertised tenders will normally close at 11:25 Hrs and 14:25 Hrs respectively on the stipulated date and will be opened at 11.30 Hrs and 14.30 Hrs. 3. Tenders at Sr. No. 1 will be opened at RCF, Kapurthala and Sr. No. 2 & 3 will be opened at RCF, Tilak Bridge, New Delhi-110002. 4. For queries contact IREPS Helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF Helpdesk at 011-23378658. **NOTE:** "GST No. of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them".

Corrigendum : Tender No. 04211008, Description : Set of Readymade Aluminium Feeder Pipes & Accessories. **Due Date may be read as 15.06.2021** instead of 07.06.2021.

Notice No.: G-RCF/122-01/Stores/024/2021-22 Dated: 09.06.2021 PCMM

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ನನ್ನ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರಾದ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಉತ್ತರಹಳ್ಳಿ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಕಗ್ಗಲೀಪುರ ಗ್ರಾಮ, ಕಗ್ಗಲೀಪುರ ಗ್ರಾಮ ಪಂಚಾಯ್ತಿ ಹತ್ತಿರ, ಮುನಿನಾರಾಯಣಪ್ಪ ಬಿಲ್ಡಿಂಗ್, ಮನೆ ನಂ.6 ರಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸವಾಗಿರುವ ಶ್ರೀ.ಕೆ.ಟಿ.ವೆಂಕಟರಂಗಪ್ಪ ರವರ ಧರ್ಮಪತ್ನಿಯಾದ **ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ.ಕೆ.ಸಿ.ಮಂಜುಳಾರವರು** ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಕಗ್ಗಲೀಪುರ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.362 ನೇ ನಂಬರಿನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಕನ್ವರ್ಷನ್ ಆಗಿರುವ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಅಳತೆ ಪೂರ್ವ-ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ 23 ಅಡಿಗಳು, ಉತ್ತರ ದಕ್ಷಿಣ: 40 ಅಡಿಗಳು ಒಟ್ಟು 920 ಚದರ ಅಡಿಗಳು (ಖಾಲಿ ಇ-ಖಾತಾ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 150200300100300650) ಅಳತೆಯುಳ್ಳ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನವನ್ನು, ಅದರ ಮೂಲ ಮಾಲೀಕರಾದ ಲೇಟ್.ಮುನಿರೆಡ್ಡಿಯವರ ಮಗ ಶ್ರೀ.ಚಿಕ್ಕನಾರಾಯಣಪ್ಪ ಮತ್ತು ಶ್ರೀ.ಮುನಿಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ ರವರ ಮಗ ಶ್ರೀ.ಹನುಮಯ್ಯ-ರವರುಗಳಿಂದ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಉಪ-ನೋಂದಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಯವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ, 1ನೇ ಪುಸ್ತಕದ, 2672 ನೇ ಸಂಪುಟ, 70 ರಿಂದ 74ನೇ ಪುಟಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ದಾಖಲಾಗಿರುವ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜು ನೋಂದಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 5415/1987-88 ರಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 12-10-1987 ರಂದು ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಿರುವ ಮೂಲ ಶುದ್ಧಕ್ರಯಪತ್ರ ಮತ್ತು

ನನ್ನ ಗಂಡನಾದ ಲೇಟ್.ಕೆ.ಟಿ.ವೆಂಕಟರಂಗಪ್ಪ ರವರಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿದ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಉತ್ತರಹಳ್ಳಿ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಕಗ್ಗಲೀಪುರ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.46 ರಲ್ಲಿನ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ 2-00 ಎಕರೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಆದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಎಲ್‌ಎನ್‌ಡಿ/453/31/1982-83 ರಂತೆ ಮಂಜೂರಾಗಿದ್ದು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಮಾನ್ಯ ತಹಶೀಲ್ದಾರ್‌ರವರು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24-10-1984 ರಂದು ಗ್ರಾಂಟ್ ಸರ್ಟಿಫಿಕೇಟ್ ನೀಡಿದ್ದು ಸದರಿ ಮೂಲ ಗ್ರಾಂಟ್ ಸರ್ಟಿಫಿಕೇಟ್ ಮತ್ತು ಮೂಲ ಶುದ್ಧಕ್ರಯಪತ್ರ ಹಾಗೂ ಇನ್ನಿತರ ಇತರೆ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳು ಸಹ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಉತ್ತರಹಳ್ಳಿ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಕನಕಪುರ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆ, ಫಾರೆಸ್ಟ್ ಆಫೀಸ್ ಹತ್ತಿರ, ಕಗ್ಗಲೀಪುರ ಅಂಚೆ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮದ, ಮನೆ ನಂ.364 ರ ಮನೆಯಿಂದ ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ವಿಳಾಸದ ವಾಸದ ಮನೆಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05-11-2020 ರಂದು ಮನೆಯನ್ನು ಬದಲಾಯಿಸುವ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 12-10-1987 ರ ಮೂಲ ಕ್ರಯ ಪತ್ರ ಮತ್ತು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24-10-1984 ರಂದು ಮಾನ್ಯ ತಹಶೀಲ್ದಾರ್ ರವರು ನೀಡಿದ್ದ ಮೂಲ ಗ್ರಾಂಟ್ ಸರ್ಟಿಫಿಕೇಟ್ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರೆ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳು ಕಳೆದು ಹೋಗಿರುತ್ತವೆ. ಈ ಸದರಿ ಕಳುವಾದ ವಿಚಾರದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಪೋಲಿಸ್ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಕ್ರಮಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 102043, ಲಾಸ್ಟ್ ರಿಪೋರ್ಟ್ ನಂ.104962/2021 ರಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09-06-2021 ರಂದು ಪಿರ್ಯಾದು ದಾಖಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಈ ಸದರಿ ಮೂಲ ಕ್ರಯ ಪತ್ರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಂಟ್ ಸರ್ಟಿಫಿಕೇಟ್ ಯಾರಿಗಾದರೂ ಸಿಕ್ಕಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಜಾಹೀರಾತು ಪ್ರಕಟ ಮಾಡಿದ ಈ ಕೆಳ ಸಹಿದಾರರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ನೀಡಲು ಕೋರಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಮಂಜು ಹೆಚ್.ಎಂ, ವಕೀಲರು,
ನಂ.161, ಕಗ್ಗಲೀಪುರ ಆಕ್ಸಿಸ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಹಿಂಭಾಗ,
ಕನಕಪುರ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560082.
(ಮೊ): 9008005377

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is given to the General Public that, my client is going to sanction a Loan from my client's bank in favour of Smt.N.Kruthika W/o L.Raghu, residing at Veerasagara, Bylappana Palya, Srigiripura, Magadi, Ramanagar, in respect to the schedule property, mentioned here under. And as per the information from the owner Smt.N.Kruthika W/o L.Raghu, the Original Sale Deed dated 09.08.2010, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Magadi, Vide Book No.1, Regn. No. MGD-1-01001/2010-11, stored in C.D. No. MGDD 74, dated 09.08.2010, of the owner Smt.N.Kruthika W/o L.Raghu has been lost or misplaced at Dabaspete while taking the Xerox copy, hence if any person having any interest, right or any claim over the above said document in respect to the schedule property may intimate the same in writing with documentary evidence to the undersigned within seven (7) days from the date of this publication, failing which, my client shall proceed with the loan transaction as not claimed.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural Land bearing Sy No.16/3 (Old Sy No.16/1), Measuring 0.20 Guntas, Situated at Veerasagara Grama, Kuduru Hobli, Magadi Taluk, and Bounded on: **East By:** Land belongs to Nagaraju. **West By:** Land belongs to Gangarangaiah. **North By:** Land belongs to Gangaiah. **South By:** Road.

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Notice under Section 13 (2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

The following borrowers and co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** The loans of the below-mentioned borrowers and co- borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loan were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** are mentioned as per respective notices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from their respective dates.

Sr No.	Loan Account No.	Type of Loan	Name of borrowers and co-borrowers	Section 13 (2) Notice Date	Outstanding amount as per Section 13 (2) Notice	Property Address
1	2854442	Loan Against Property	1. A 2 Z Security And House Keeping Service 2. Mr. Fakruddin S 3. Fathimabi Wo Fakruddin 4. Mohammad Riaz	10.05.2021	INR 790116.18/-	All That Part And Parcel Of House Of Property Bearing Site No. 2, Khatha No. 49/17, Situated At Jakkasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore City Corporation Ward No. 68 And Measuring East To West- 13' Feet, North To South-21' Feet, Tottaly 273 Sq.feet And Bounded: **East : Kala's Property , West: Remainig Portion Of The Said Property Of Others, North:Narayana Reddy's Property , South: Road**
2	22473732	Home Loan	1. B. Sridhar 2. Savitha S. 3. Sridhar B.	20.05.2021	INR 52,14,157.32/	All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing No. 230, Situated At Sy. No. 90, Hosakerahalli, Banashankari, 3rd Stage, Bangalore Development Authority Presently Comes Under The Limits Of Bruhat Mahanagara Palike, Deepanjalinagara Zone, Old Ward No. 41, Present Ward No. 158 Limit, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Erannagudda, Municipa; No. 230, Pid No. 41-224-30, Measuring East To Weat: 6 Mtrs., North To South: 9 Mtrs., Total Admeasuring: 54 Sq. Mtrs., Alongwith 22 Sq. Rcc Roofed House, And Bounded As: **East: Site No. 231, North : Road, West : Site No. 229South: Private Property**
3	27743447	Loan Against Property	1. Mrs. Geetha Gopi 2. Mr Arunkumar Gopi	10.05.2021	INR 2811453.54/-	All That Part And Parcel OfProperty No. 76/1, Form 9 & 11, Sl No. 299, Veerasandra Village, Hebbagodi, Grama Panchayat Attibele Hobli, Anekal Tk, Bangalore, Karnataka-560100 And Measuring Plot Area 1200 Sq.ft And Ground Floor 1106.87 Sq.ft And First Floor 1106.87 Sq.ft (total Gf+ff 2213.74 Sq.ft) And Bounded: **East : Property Of Abbayyappa, West : 15 Feet Road, North : Property Of Sudhakar Reddy, South : Property Of Narayanapp**
4	14028305	Loan Against Property	1. Indresh Kumar N 2. Suguna Shivashankar Reddy 3. N Indresh Kumar 4. Suguna 5. Msr Banana & Amp ; Coconut Traders	10.05.2021	INR 14,02,146.46/-	All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Site No. 68, Portion Of Property No. 161, Katha No. 161, Situated At "sri Ranganatha Layout", Mahadevpura Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore, East Taluk, Now Bbmp Limits, Ward No. 81, Admeasuring, Measuring East To West: 40 Feet, North To South On Eastern Side: 17 Feet, On Western Side: 19 Feet, And Bounded As: **East: Site No. 45, North: Site No. 67, West: 25 Feet Wide Road, South: Road**
5	21202380	Home Loan	1. Mrs. Jyothi B 2. M/s Jyothi Enterprises, C/o Mrs. Jyothi B 3. Mr. Victor Sandari	10.05.2021	INR 5820236.43/-	All The Piece And Parcel Of Immoveable Property, Site Bearing Site No. 60, Khatha No. 1705/38/2 38/3 38/4, Pid No. 150200203500120893, Carved Out Of Sy No. 38/2, Formed In The Layout Called And Known As "sevenhills County" Situated At Vaderahalli Village, Yelahanka, Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Urban District. Site Measuring East To West On Southern Side: 41.7 Feet And East To West On Northern Side: 46.2 Feet, North To South On Eastern Side: 30 Feet And North To South On Western Side: 30.4 Feet In All Admeasuring 1317 Sq.ft., And Bounded As: **North: Site Bearing No. 61South: Site Bearing No. 59, East: RoadWest: Sy No. 38/1**
6	27918784	Loan Against Property	1. Mr. Rangaswamy C 2. Mrs. Shyamala M	20.05.2021	INR 1799003.63/-	All That Part And Parcel Of The Immovable Property Bearing No. 86, Assessment No. 53, Dasarahalli Cms Ward No. 4, Bbmp Ward No. 13, Situated At Ravindranagar Village, Mallasandra Dhakle Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Measurement: East To West-33ft North To South 45ft Total Measuring 1485 Sq.ft. And Bounded : **East : Property Of Papamma, West : Vacant Space, North: Road, South: Property Of Nataraja**
7	16688626	Home Loan	1. Mr. Saravana M 2. Mrs. Lavanya A	20.05.2021	INR 2054503.10/-	All That Part And Parcel Of The Property Bearing Extract Of B Property Register No. 21/109/54, Old Site No. 54, Western Portion Of Site No. 54/a, Measuring East To West 20 Feet And North To South 40 Feet, Formed In Land Bearing Survey No. 109/p4, Situated At Singapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk And Bounded: **East : Property Bearing Site No. 54, West : Property Bearing Site No. 53, North : Property Bearing Site No. 56, South : Road**
8	12112015	Home Loan	1. Mr. Venkateswara Rao G 2. Mrs. Venkat Rathnam G	10.05.2021	INR 4709936.11/-	All That Part And Parcel OfThe Site Bearing Site No.17, Khatha No.1705/38/2 38/3 38/4, Pid No. 150200203500120893, Carved Out Of Sy.no. 38/3, Formed In The Layout Called And Known As "sevenhills County" Situated As Vaderahalli Village, Yelahanka3 Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, Site Measuring East To West 40 Fee And North To South 30 Feet, Totally Measuring 1200 Square Feet And Bounded: **East : Road, West : Site No. 35, North: Site No. 18, South : Site No. 16**
9	21300239	Home Loan	1. Suma Venugopal 2. Prajwal Venugopal 3. Bharat Nursing Home 4. Venugopal Bangalore Venkatesh	11.04.2021	INR 6204663.45/-	All That Part And Parcel Of The Residential Site Bearing No.1341(one Thousand Three Hundred And Forty One), Corner, In The Bda Approved Layout Named As Dwaraka Nagar, Formed By The Bangalore City Co-opearative Housing Society Limited, In Survey Nos.2, 3/1, 3/2, 3/3, 4, 5, 6, 7/1, 7/2 ,7/3, 7/4, 8/1, 8/2, 8/3, 8/4, 15/1, 15/2, 16/1, 16/2, 16/3, 17/1, 17/2, 17/3, 17/4, 17/5, 18/1, 18/2, 18/3, 18/4, 19, 20/1, 20/2, 22/1, 22/2, 22/3, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30 ,31, 32, 33, 34, 41, 42/1, 42/2, 43/1, 43/2, 45, 46, 47, 49, 50/1, 51, 52/1, 52/2, 52/3, 53, 54/1, 54/2, 54/4, 55/1, 55/2, 8/4, 15/1, 15/2, 16/1, 16/2, 19, 20/1, 20/2, 22/1, 22/2, 43/1, 43/2, 45, 46, 47, 49, 55/3, 55/4, 55/5, 55/6, 56, 59, 60/4, 60/5, In Vajarahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, And In Survey Nos. 17/1, 18, 19/1, 10/2, 20 Part 25/1, 25/2, 25/3, 25/4, 25/5, 25/6 In Raghuvanahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Presently Comes Within The Limit Of Bbmp Ward No.198, Bangalore And Measuring: **East : 32.5 Feet, Site No. 1311 West : 31.5 Feet, Road North : 39.5 Feet, Road South: 40.0 Feet, Site No. 1340 Total Area Being: 1272.0 Square Feet**
10	22916534	Home Loan	1. Gangadhar Rao 2. Vatsala N	11.04.2021	INR 3450114.57/-	All That Part And Parcel Of Flat Bearing No.103, Measuring 1030 Square Feet Of Super Built Up Area At Ground Floor Of The Building In The Project Known As Samtrupti Enclave Along With 255 Square Feet Of Undivided Share Of Right, Title And Interest In The Land With One Covered Car Parking Space Measuring 255 Square Feet At The Building Constructed On The Property Bearing Bbmp Katha No.12561/2047/7/31, 3211, 35\224, 223, 196 & 195, Assigned To Site No. 195, 196, 223 & 224, Admeasuring East To West 120 Feet And North To South 70 Feet, Situated At Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengerihobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Comprising Of Stilt, Ground And Two Upper Floors Building, And Bounded As: **East: Road , West: Road , South: Property Bearing Site No.s 194 And 225 , North: Property Bearing Site No.S 197 And 222**
11	21066969	Home Loan	1. Mr. Sunhil Godwin Dsouza, 2. Mrs. Jiss Joseph,	11.04.2021	INR 4781292.71/-	All That Piece And Parcel Of Bearing No.107 , Measuring 1295 Square Feet Of Super Built Up Area At First Floor Of The Building In The Project Know As " Shri Ravi Enclave" , Along With 435 Square Feet Of Undidived Share Of Right, Tittle And Interest In The Land With A Car Parking Space At The Beasement Floor Of The Building Constructed On The Property Bearing BBMP Katha No.01/1 To 12/42/43/1/43/341 , Assigned To Site No.1 To 12, Measuring East To West (96+70)/2 Feet And North To South 360 Feet , Admeasuring 29,880 Square Feet, Formed In Nresidentially Converted Land Bearing Survey No.42, Of Kenchanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taulak , Comprising Of A Building And Bounded As: **East : Pantharapalya Village Boundary, West : Road, North : Land Bearing Survey No.20, South : property bearing Site No.13 Belonging To Owner**
12	20999541	Loan Against Property	1. Mr Sunilkumar B S 2. Mrs. Vedavathi Sunilkumar Bs 3. Mr. B.P. Somashekharaiah 4. Sri Veerabhadreshwara Condiments Store C/o Mr Sunilkumar B S	10-05-2021	INR 2147761.75/-	All The Piece And Parcel Of Immoveable Property E Swathu Katha No. 48/48, Old VP Katha No. 48, Property No. 152900402500201188, Bidadi (H), Ramnagara (T), Karnataka- 562109 Admeasuring East To West 14 Feet And North To South 90 Feet, 1305 Sq Ft, And Bounded As: **North : Road, South : Sompalu, East : Property Belongs To Mr. B P Rudrappa, West: Property Belongs To Mr. Jagadeesh**

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Authorized Officer
IDFC First Bank Limited
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Date : 10.06.2021
Place : Bangalore

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The following borrowers and co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** The loans of the below-mentioned borrowers and co- borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loan were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** are mentioned as per respective notices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from their respective dates.

Sr No.	Loan Account No.	Type of Loan	Name of borrowers and co-borrowers	Section 13 (2) Notice Date	Outstanding amount as per Section 13 (2) Notice	Property Address
1	13520440, 13514137, 33376058 & 33388263	Loan Against Property	1. M N Enterprises 2. M N Prabhakar 3. M N Sreenivasa 4. S S Enterprises	21.05.2021	INR 52345003.48/-	**Property I -** All That Piece And Parcel Of Site No. 442/c In The Sy. Nos. 9,10/1,2,3, 11, 12, 13/1,2, 14/1,2,3, 15/1, 16/1p, 17/1,2, 18/1,2,3, 19, 21/1,2, 22/2, 23/1a, 1b, 1c, 2, 25, 26/1a, 26/1b2, 1b3, 1b4, 2b, 2c, 2d Of Thubarahalli, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. East To West : 45.0 Feet, North To South : 30.0 Feet, Admeasuring : 1,350 Sq. Feet (150.00 Sq. Yards) Together With All Rights Appurtenances Whatsoever Whether Underneath Or Above The Surface And **Bounded As : North: Site No. 442/b, East : Road, South: Site No. 442/d West: Site No. 432** **Property II -** All That Piece And Parcel Of Site No. 442/d In The Sy. Nos. 9, 10/1, 2, 3, 11, 12, 13/1, 2, 14/1, 2, 3, 15/1, 16/1p, 17/1, 2, 18/1, 2, 3, 19, 21/1, 2, 22/2, 23/1a, 1b, 1c, 2, 25, 26/1a, 26/1b2, 1b3, 1b4, 2b, 2c, 2d Of Thubarahalli, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. East To West : 45.0 Feet, North To South : 30.0 Feet, Admeasuring : 1,350 Sq. Feet (150.00 Sq. Yards) Together With All Rights Appurtenances Whatsoever Whether Underneath Or Above The Surface And Bounded As: **North: Site No. 442/c, East: Road, South: Site No. 443, West: Site No. 431** **Property III -** All That Piece And Parcel Of Residential Vacant Site No. 756, In The Sy. No. 9, 10/1, 2, 3, 11, 12, 13/1, 2, 14/1, 2, 3, 15/1, 16/1p, 17/1, 2, 18/1, 2, 3, 19, 21/1, 2, 22/2, 23/1a, 1b, 1c, 2, 25, 26/1a, 26/1b2, 1b3, 1b4, 2b, 2c, 2d, Situated At Beml Layout, Thubarahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk. East To West : 30feet, North To South : (42'.6' + 43'.6')/2 Feet, Admeasuring : 1290 Sq. Feets, And Bounded As: **East:Site No. 755,West:Site No. 757, North: Site No. 230,South:Road, Together With All Rights, Titles And Interest Standing Thereon.**
2	14329297 & 23691183	Loan Against Property	1. Dastagir M 2. Kulsimbi Babaiah	11.04.2021	INR 4199781.64/-	All The Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing Bbmp Katha New No. 3815/3492/34/1/5, Old Site No.5, Measuring East To West 40 Feet And North To South 30 Feet, Formed At Survey No.34/1, Situated At Valagere Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bounded As: **East : 30 Feet Road , West : Property Bearing Site No.7 , North: Property Bearing Site No.6, South : Property Bearing Site No.4**
3	12888085	Loan Against Property	1. Kempamma S 2. Munikrishna M 3. Rental Incom	20-04-2021	INR 747176.73/-	All That Piece And Parcel Of Northern Portion Of Property Bearing Site No.3, Khatha No.19/7, Situated At Parappana Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Comes Under The Limits Of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Measuring East To West: 20 Feet And North To South: 30 Feet, Adm. 600 Sq. Ft., And Bounded As : **North: Property Of Krishnappa A.P., East : Private Property, South: Southern Portion Of Same Site No.3, West : Road**
4	19886281.	Loan Against Property	1. Manjunatha K 2. Chandrakala T G	20-04-2021	INR 1127471.09/-	All That Piece And Parcel Of the Property Bearing B Property Register No.1773/53/1/3,site No.3, Measuring East To West 22 Feet And North To South 17+4)/ 2 Feet, Formed In Land Bearing Survey No.53/1 Of Hoskerehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk And Bounded As : **East : Property Bearing Site No.1, West: Road , North: Private Property, South: Site No.2**
5	17993138.	Loan Against Property	1. Mohammed Junaid 2. Omme Anjum	19.04.2021	INR 1461969.67/-	All That Piece And Parcel Ofproperty Bearing Site No.15, Khata No.1584, Situated At 15, Dargha Mohalla, Vijanapura, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Presently Comes Under Bbmp Limits Measuring East To West 33 Feet, North To South 40 Feet In Total 1320 Sq.ft. And Bounded As: **East: Private Property,West: Channel, North: 20 Feet Road,South: Site No.8**
6	16227004	Loan Against Property	1. Srinivasa M 2. Saroja M 3. Mr. Srinivasa M	11.04.2021	INR 4160479.59/-	All The Piece And Parcel Of The Property Situated At Bangalore Urban District, Anekal Taluk, Anekal Town, Ward No.22, Bahaddurpura Town, Muncipal Asst Khat Serial No.291/45, Site No. 291/45, Measuring 25x 90 Totally Measuring An Extent Of 2250 Square Feet Of Land And Bounded As Follows: **East: House Belongd To Mr. Chinnathayappa, West: Site Belong To Mr. Ameersab, North: Panchayath Road, South: Property Belong To Mr. Chinnappa & Gudla Munishami**
7	16750916	Loan Against Property	1. Mr. Venkatesh P, 2. Mrs. Venkatalakshmi T,	20-04-2021	INR 1435010.74/-	All That Part And Parcel Of Property Beaaring Shop/unit No. 10, Bearing Bbmp Katha No. 15-304, Pid No. 62-15-304, Measuring 123 Sq. Ft Of Super Built Up Area At Ground Floor Of The "saphire" (f) Block Of The Building At The Project Known As "wilson Manor" Alongwith 191 Sq Ft Of Undivided Share Of Right, Title And Interest In The Land With A Car Parking Space At The Basement Of The Building, Constructed On The Property Bearing No. 15, Measuring East To West (182+168.2)/2 Feet And North To South (61.78+87.13)/2 Feet, Situated At Arekempanahalli, Hombegowda Nagar, Bangalore Comprising Of Building Bounded On: **West: Private Properties, East: Someshwarampuram & Cross Road In The Remaining Portion Of Sy No. 11/3, North: Private Properties & 13th Cross Road & Another Road, South: Remaining Portion Of Survey No. 11/3, Presently Nimhans.**
8	13586282	Home Loan	1. Nagarathna H S 2. Shashikanth N	20-04-2021	INR 3218836.74/-	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing Extract Of B Property Register No. 609/43/1-05, Site No. 5, Measuring East To West 30 Feet And North To South 40 Feet, Situated At Hosahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, And Bounded As Under: **East: Property Site No. 4, West: Property Site No. 6, North: Private Property, South: 30 Ft. Wide Road**
9	21396064	Loan Against Property	1. Narayana Mukunda Reddy 2. Manjula N	20-04-2021	INR 21890202.89/-	All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Site No. 290/47/2, Property Sy No. 47/2, Property No. 150200103200720609, Hinnakki, Village Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk-562106, Measuring East To West (86.2+84)/2ft And North To South 112.08 Ft And Total 9600 Sq. Ft., And Bounded By As Following: **North : Property Of Siddareddy's Children, South: II Stage Sites In Surya City, East: Road, West : Property Of Anjalamma**
10	14250543 & 23253497	Loan Against Property	1. Mr. Nithesh S, 2. Mrs. Nagamma Lingachar,	17.04.2021	INR 1802615.18/-	All That Part And Parcel Of Property Bearing Bbmp Katha No. 1959/1149/399, Old Site No. 128, Measuring East To West 40 Feet And North To South 30 Feet, Situated At Gottigere Village, B Register No. 2687/75/26, Sy. No. 25/6, Katha No. 75/2, Yelchenahallivillage, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Tauk, Bangalore - 560078 And Bounded By As Following: **East : Road, West: Site No. 136, North : Site No. 127, South : Site No. 129**
11	22423269 & 13623181	Loan Against Property	1. Sarojamma A. 2. Raju C.	11.04.2021	INR 1286574.02/-	All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Site No. 50 Property No. 501/50, Katha Si No. 441, Asmeasuring East To West: (24+11) + 40/2ft Andnorth To South: (18+30)/2ft, In Converted Sy No. 252/1, Vide Conversion Order No. Aln.sr.no. 62/87-88, Dated 04.05.1998, Situated At Madapatna Village, Haragadde Dhakale, Haragadde Village Panchayth, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Banglore Urban District,and Bounded As: **East : Ashawathamm's Property, West: Site No. 49, North : 20 Ft Road (11 Ft Road Entrance To The Schedule Site), South : Site No. 41**
12	16647761	Loan Against Property	1. Shivamma Yella Bhovi 2. Karthik T N	19.04.2021	INR 1127070.07/-	All The Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Extract Of E. Swathu Katha No.133/126/9, Old Site No. 9, Property No.150200301500321166, Measuring East To West 40 Feet And North To South 30 Feet, Formed In Residentially Converted Land Bearing Survey No.159/1a, Situated At Taralu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, And Bounded As: **North : Property Bearing Site No.8, South : Property Bearing Site No.10, East : Private Propety, West : Road**
13	27872268 & 33674796	Loan Against Property	1. Mr. Siddhartha Surendranath Moola 2. Mrs. Aparna Devi Moola	11.04.2021	INR 12349896.34/-	All That Part And Parcel Of Property Bearing Site No. 28 (old 36), BBMP Khata No.28, Old Khata No.34 K.H Road Bangalore Within The Revenue Limits Of Bbmp, Bangalore Admeasuring East To West 59 Ft And North To South 95 Ft, Totally Measuring 5605 Sq Ft And Bounded As: **East: Vacant Land, West : Sri Kengal Hanumanthaiah Road, North : Site No.37, South: Cross Road**
14	26691963	Home Loan	1. Usman Shariff 2. Bibi Sara Sheema 3. Fazlulla Sharieff	20-04-2021	INR 2209640.50/-	All The Piece And Parcel Of Property Site No. 14, In Khatha No. 20/1, Measuring East To West 40 Ft. And North To South 30 Ft., In All Measuring 1200 Sq. Ft., Situated At Hommadevanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Along With 3 Sq. Roofed House;bounded As: **North : Road , East : Private Property, South : Susai Mary Property ,West : Road**
15	27995810	Home Loan	1. Venkatesh M S 2. Prema N	11.04.2021	INR 2343603.68/-	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing No. 3, Katha No. 131/318/3, Assessment, No. 131/5, New Bbm Property No. 131/318/3, Pala Nahallivillage, Jalahobli, Bangalore – 560064 Admeasuring East To West 33 Feet And North To South 30 Feet Totally Measuring 990 Square Feet And Bounded As: **North: Vijaya's Property, West: Chikkaraju Property, South: Vacant Land, East: 12 Ft.road And Chinnappa's Land**
16	16943279	Loan Against Property	1. Reddiah M 2. Muniyappa R	20.04.2021	INR 3372714.51/-	All That Part And Parcel Of The Property Bearing VP Katha No. 1143/160/p36, Assigned To The Portion Of The Land Bearing Survey No. 160/p36, Measuring 0-07.08 Guntas, Situated At Haragadde Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Karnataka And Bounded By As: **West : Property Belonging To Mr. Badanahalli Chinnappa, East : Property Belonging To Mrs. Meenakshi, North : Property Belonging To Mr. Poojari Venkataswamy, South : Property Belonging To Mr. Venkatappa.**

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Manipal Academy of Higher Education will offer full fee waiver to its students who have lost a parent, the sole earning member of the family, due Covid-19. The entire course fee will be offered as scholarship across all programmes for their remaining duration of the study

ANDHRA CM TO CALL ON AMIT SHAH TODAY

Likely to request Centre to extend help vaccinate all beneficiaries at the earliest, seek release of pending funds

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Vijayawada

CHIEF Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy will call on union home minister Amit Shah in Delhi on Thursday. The Chief Minister is likely to take up the pending issues relating to the release of funds for the speedy completion of Polavaram project and also request the Centre to extend all possible help to vaccinate all eligible beneficiaries at the earliest.

The visit also comes amid the recent developments related to arrest of rebel YSRC MP K Raghu Rama Krishna Raju and his complaint to the Delhi police over the high-handed behaviour of the AP police during his arrest.

Jagan Mohan Reddy will leave to Delhi on Thursday afternoon and is likely to meet Amit Shah in the evening. He will return on Friday afternoon. Ahead of meeting the Union Home Minister, the Chief Minister is also likely to meet Union Jal Shakti minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and other ministers.

During his meeting with Amit Shah, Jagan Mohan Reddy is likely to urge the former to prevail upon the Ministry of Jal Shakti to approve the Revised Cost Estimates (RCE) of Polavaram project and release the funds due to the State from the Centre for executing the project.

Apart from Polavaram project, Jagan Mohan Reddy is likely to urge the Centre to fulfill the assurances made under the AP Reorganisation Act which were pending. The Chief Minister is also likely to raise the issue of according Special Category Status to Andhra Pradesh for its overall development and also release of pending dues from various departments as the State government is under financial stress in view of the covid pandemic.

The Chief Minister is likely to explain the various initiatives taken up by his government to contain the spread of covid-19 and also its plans to deal the possible third wave and urge the Centre to support the vaccination drive by allocating more vaccine doses.

Jagan Mohan Reddy is also likely to request the Union Home Minister to prevail upon the concerned ministries to fund the basic infrastructural facilities for the greenfield colonies being constructed in the State in association with Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

IN FULL SWING

Preparations begin for July SSLC exams

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru:

THE department of primary and secondary education has started preparations for Class 10 SSLC Board examinations, scheduled to be held in the third week of July.

The number of students enrolled for the examination has increased by 30,000 this year, Minister of Primary and Secondary Education Suresh Kumar S said. He asked department officials to ensure they make the exam a success, and also take up confidence-building measures for students and parents.

The examinations will be held once the Covid-19 situation normalises, said the minister, who plans to visit all districts to oversee preparations. Deputy directors, BEOs and other officials from the 34 educational districts were present for a video conference with the minister, on measures to be taken in the run up to board exams.

Teachers have been given the responsibility to inform students about the method of holding the examination. Each paper will weigh 40 marks, and have objective questions where students will have to pick one of four options. Model question papers will be sent to schools via BEO offices this week, and teachers are to train students on answering questions using OMR sheets. After schools open, four or five students will be called to school and guided on the exam.

Kumar said that teachers and department officials in some districts have already begun reaching out to children in various ways, and instilling confidence in them about the examinations, and other districts should follow.

Extra precautions will be taken compared to last year, with more exam centres and vaccinated invigilators, and talks are on with the health department to vaccinate the teaching community.

Students have been asked to choose an examination centre close to their place of residence.

The state Technical Advisory Committee will provide new protocol, an improvement over the previous year's norms, which had received the appreciation of the High Court and Supreme Court, said Kumar.

Tasdik fund to mosques stopped after opposition

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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MUZRAI Minister Kota Srinivas Poojary on Wednesday ordered to stop giving Tasdik allowance to mosques and madarasas following severe opposition from the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) for using the temple fund for the purpose.

On Wednesday morning, VHP leaders Sharan Pumpwell and others submitted a memorandum to the minister in which they said they welcome the government's decision to provide Tasdik allowance to temple priests in the wake of Covid distress. However, stating that the funds from the Karnataka Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowments Department is also being used to give Covid allowance to the moulvis of mosques and madarasas, the VHP leaders said they strongly object to the same.

"In Dakshina Kannada, the Tasdik allowance is being given to 41 moulvis. The temple fund should be used only for temples and not for mosques and madarasas. It should be immediately stopped," said the petition.

The minister assured the VHP leaders that the order will be withdrawn. Later, around 6.30 pm, a DIPR statement said the minister has ordered to withdraw the Covid allowance that has reached the non-Hindus in the form of Tasdik. The statement said the decision to this effect was taken following severe opposition from Hindu leaders and on social media to the Muzrai fund being used for non-Hindu worship places.

"We have information about Tasdik fund being released to non-Hindu worship places even before our government came to power. It will be stopped now and departments concerned will take the responsibility if other non-Hindu worship places require funds," the commisisoener in his statement.

The note said that more than 27,000 Hindu temples are receiving a total of ₹133 crore Tasdik allowance in a year. Out of this, 764 non-Hindu worship places were also receiving Tasdik. Based on minister's instructions, steps will be taken to stop Tasdik allowance to non-Hindu worship places, the statement added.

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VHP petition

VHP leaders submit a petition to Muzrai Minister to stop Tasdik fund to mosques

A STUDY OF THE TIMES

Archana Unni, a Class 2 student, takes an online class over phone while her parents sell earthenware at Chungam in Kozhikode, Kerala. Struggling to earn something amid the pandemic, her parents had no option but to bring her to work| TP SOORAJ

K'TAKA ESTIMATES CYCLONE TAUKTAE DAMAGE AT ₹209 CR

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru:

THE Karnataka government has asked the Centre to send an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) to make a spot assessment of the damage caused by Cyclone Tauktae. According to a comprehensive survey conducted by the state, the estimated loss is to the tune of Rs 209.30 crore.

In a memorandum to the Centre, the State government listed the damage caused by the cyclone -- 1047 km of roads, sea erosion protection walls, 473 houses, 71 government buildings, 29 minor irrigation schemes, 79 transformers and 107 km of electrical lines were damaged, besides 263 boats and 324 nets were ruined, severely impacting the livelihood of fishermen.

To take up long-term disaster-resilient power infrastructure, coastal protection with storm surge resilient embankments, and reconstruct damaged critical infrastructure, the state requires liberal funding from the Centre through schemes like National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project, State Disaster Mitigation Fund and National Disaster Mitigation Fund, the memorandum said. In all, 125 villages in coastal, Malnad and North Interior districts were affected, with the cyclone causing damage to critical infrastructure.

CRIME PATROL

Cops arrest 4 in possession of ambergris worth ₹8 crore

Bengaluru: The KG Halli police have arrested four men and recovered over 6.700 kgs of ambergris worth around Rs 8 crore from them. Ambergris is a solid waxy substance originating in the intestine of the sperm whale, and is highly prized as a fixative and ingredient in fine perfumes. The accused have been identified as Syed Tazmul Pasha (54), a resident of Magadi Road, Saleem Pasha (48), Rafi Ullah Shareef (45), and Naseer Pasha (34), all three residents of Palace Guttahalli. Police said the four were arrested following information that some persons were trying to sell some drugs near Lakshmipathi Garden in KG Halli. When the police raided the location, they found that it was not drugs that was being sold, but ambergris. Investigation revealed that Tazmul and Saleem had received it from one Salman from Kolar. "Salman had told them both that ambergris was very precious and had offered them an equal share if they managed to sell it. When we took them into custody, the two were trying to sell it to Shareef and Naseer. Ambergris is used in medicine and perfumes, and has a huge demand in China, Arab and Western countries," the police said. The police have booked the accused under various sections of the IPC and Wildlife Protection Act. ENS

One Bengaluru airport fire mishap victim succumbs

Bengaluru: One of the six victims of the fire accident that occurred on Sunday near the Kempegowda International Airport lost his life on Wednesday evening, while another is serious. Dr Ramesh K T, Professor and Head of the Department of Plastic Surgery at Victoria Hospital, said, "One of the victims in our burns ward, Avinash, succumbed at 4 pm, while Siraj, with 70 per cent burns, is in a bad shape." Referring to the condition of the others, Dr Ramesh said Prashanth with 56 per cent injuries, and Ajay with 42 per cent were still fighting for their lives. "Nagesh Rao with 14 per cent burns and Goutham with 25 per cent were likely to recover," he said. ENS

EXPRESS READ

Canara Bank retains interest rates

Canara Bank announced on Wednesday that it has retained its Marginal Cost of Fund-based Lending Rate on loans/advances across all tenors. Accordingly, the tenor-linked MCLRs, w.e.f June 7, are; for overnight MCLR, it is at 6.70 pc; for one-month MCLR (6.70 pc); for three-month (6.95 pc); for six-month (7.30 pc); and for one-year (7.35 pc). Repo-Linked Lending Rate stays at 6.90 pc. ENS

HAL union seeks jobs for kin of Covid victims

The All-India HAL Trade Unions' Coordination Committee has urged the HAL management to consider providing jobs to one of the dependents of an employee who succumbed to Covid-19. In a letter to the HAL Chairman and Managing Director, the committee urged the company to consider it as a special case and take an early decision as many companies have extended relief through various means, including providing employment to the dependent of deceased employees. ENS

Tariff up as sale of power not possible yet

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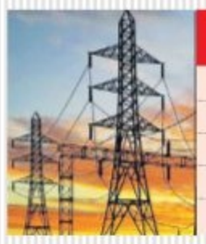
KERC has also revised the first slab (known as lifeline consumption slab) from existing 0-30 units to 0-50 units, and 50-70 units to 50-100 units. A KERC official said, "We have brought in changes as energy generation in the State is very high, but the economy is poor. Since the immediate sale of power is not possible as the market is yet to open up, the commission wanted to increase the tariff."

The order said, "The increase in energy charges is 10 paise per unit and the increase in fixed charge cost ranges from Rs 10 to Rs 20, except for Bengaluru Metro and battery-operated vehicles. The existing concessional tariff of Rs 5 per unit for electric vehicles will continue."

A Bescom official said, "Since the order comes into effect from April 1, the balance due for April and May will be collected in October and November without charging any rate of interest. We had demanded an increase of Rs 1.39 per unit. But the Commission has allowed us to recover Rs 856 crore in 12 months. That is the reason, the tariff is being calculated slab wise."

REVISION FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMER



TYPE OF INSTALLATION	CONSUMPTION IN UNITS	EXISTING TARIFF	NEW TARIFF
Up to 1 kW	0-50	299	290
Up to 1 kW	50-100	572	568
Up to 3 kW	100-200	1,432	1,468
Up to 3 kW	200-300	2,273	2,283
Up to 3 kW	up to 400	3,042	3,098*

*UNITS

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Rel penalty per unit on HT consumers for using energy during peak hours is withdrawn to make use of surplus power available during monsoon period
- A rebate of Rel for HT consumers during off-peak period is withdrawn
- To increase energy consumption, a special discounted rate scheme is being introduced
- HT consumers can sell power at Rs 6 per unit and avail of special incentive scheme
- A rebate of 105 paise per unit for installation of LED lights
- No increase in tariff to BMRCL, effluent treatment plants
- Special benefit in LT, HT tariff for processing solid waste

M G Prabhakar, an energy expert from FKCCI, said, "I am happy the incentive scheme continues. Also instead of selling power on orders, it will be given to industries at Rs 6 flat. But the worry is industrial consumption will not increase till December because of Covid and labour issues, so how much power can industries use now as its already June? I am glad that the commission has recognised the gaps in these sectors and the need to supply to industries."

Energy Secretary G Kumar Naik said that the revision is a signal to industries that the power situation in Karnataka is good and they should set up units here.

The message is also that the government is doing all it can in this time to bounce back. Industries have also shown an increase and the incentive consumption is above that of last year.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that, My Clients 1) Mr. Amanulla .I, 2) Mrs. Inthiyas Begum W/o. Mr. Amanulla .I, 3) Mrs. Ishu 2nd wife of Late. Muneer .A and represented by her minor children 4) Zameer aged about 7 years, 5) Mohammed aged about 1½ years. I, issue this public notice as follows:-

The below mentioned properties are self-acquired properties of Late Muneer .A, S/o. Mr. Amanulla .I, who was demised on 25-10-2020 due to cardiac respiratory failure at Narayana Super Speciality Hospital, Malleshwaram, Bangalore. The said demised had 2 wife's and 5 Children, viz. 1) Mrs. Mubeen Taj (1st Wife) and her 3 minor female children namely i) Haseen Taj (17 Years), ii) Ayesha Begum (14 Years) iii) Jamsheedunnisa (8 Years) and 2) Mrs. Ishu (2nd Wife) and her 2 minor male children namely i) Zameer (7 Years), ii) Mohammed (1½ Years).

As per the Mohammedan law of inheritance, the above said 9 persons are only legal hires and inherit the under scheduled properties there by entitled to their due shares as per Personal law. While so, 1st wife Mrs. Mubeen Taj, under the ill advice of her parents and malicious intention trying to alienate and encumbrance the under-mention properties without the knowledge and consent of my clients.

Publics are hereby cautioned that, no one should transact in any manner such as sale, dispose, lease, rent, and create any third-party interest whatsoever, with any such individual, claiming to be the holder of the said property. Any individual, firm, company, etc... in lieu of this public notice transacts or deals with the so-called holders, they shall be doing the same at their own risk, as to the cost and consequences arising thereof and the said transactions shall not be binding on my clients and shall be illegal, null and void ab-initio.

Property Schedule No. 1 : All that piece an parcel of the residential property bearing site No.487, Block No.1, Khatha No.3051 of Lingadheeranahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, formed in the converted Sy.No.11 and 12 vide conversion order no. BDS/ALN/SR(N)17/2001-02, dt:20/07/2001 and BDS/ALN/SR(N)41/2001-02, dt: 20/07/2001 and the layout formed by the Karnataka Government Class 'D' Employees Housing Cooperative Society Ltd. (D Group Layout), situated at Lingadheeranahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore., previously Herohalli Village Panchayath Limits. Presently comes under BBMP ward No.40, Bangalore. (EAST) Site No.488, (WEST) 25-0 Feet Road, (SOUTH) Site No.486, (NORTH) 25-0 Feet Road. Measuring: East to West 30 Feet and North to South: 33 Feet in all 990 Sq. Feet along with approximately 20 Sq. of RCC Roofed G+3 Floor Building with granite flooring with all civic amenities.

Property Schedule No. 2 : All that piece an parcel of the northern portion of residential property bearing site No.27, Khatha No.478, formed in assessment No.47 situated at Karivobanahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, presently comes under BBMP Ward No.40, Bangalore and site Measuring: East to West 32 Feet and North to South: 20 Feet in all 640 Sq. Feet along with approximately 20 Sq. of RCC Roofed G+3 Floor Building with granite flooring with all civic amenities. (EAST) Private Property, (WEST) Road, (SOUTH) Remaining Southern portion of the same Site No.27, (NORTH) Site No.26.

Property Schedule No. 3 : All that piece an parcel of the property bearing site No.29, old Khatha No.47, new Khatha No. 5198, formed in old assessment No. 47 new assessment no. 47/1, situated at Karivobanahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, Presently comes under limits of BBMP ward No.40, Bangalore., Measuring: East to West 30 Feet and North to South: 40 Feet in all measuring 1200 Sq. Feet along with approximately 10 Sq. of RCC building on the ground floor, approximately 3 Sq. cement sheet house in the first floor with mosaic flooring with all civic amenities. (EAST) Private Property Sy.No.47/2 belongs to Iyyappa and Maruthi, (WEST) Road, (SOUTH) Site No.30, (NORTH) Site No.28.

Property Schedule No. 4 : All that piece an parcel of the northern portion of property bearing site No.18, formed in assessment no. 116, situated at Chikkabanavara Village, Yeshwanthpura hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, Measuring: east to west 40 Feet and North to South: 15 Feet in all measuring 600 Sq. Feet. Bounded (EAST) Private Property, (WEST) Road, (SOUTH) Remaining portion of the same Site No.18, (NORTH) Site No.17.

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AUCTION POSTPONED

Refer to the Auction Notice published in this newspaper on 08.05.2021 regarding Account of **1. Sri. M. Subramanya S/o Muniyappa, 2. Smt. S. Kavitha W/o M. Subramanya.**

Schedule : All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing House Site No.43, Katha No. 195/1/06, Property No. 106, Situated at 2nd Block, Dasappa Lay Out, Kowdenahalli, Ramamurthy Nagara, KR Puram Hobli, Bangaluru East Taluk, comes Under KR Puram CMC Limits. in Ward No. 10, Bangaluru Measuring East TO West – 40 feet and North TO South -30 feet in All Measuring 1200 Sqft., with 2 storied R.C.C. Roofed building (GF -10 Squares + FF –10 Squares) thereon. standing in the name of Sri. M. Subramanya s/o Sri. Muniyappa K Vide Sale Deed Dated. 29.09.2006, and Registered as Document No. KRI-1-21736/2006-07, and CD No. KRID255, Dated. 29.09.2006, at SRO Krishnarajapuram, Bangaluru, and Bounded on **East by:** Road, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Site No. 44, **South by:** Site No. 42,

Please note the proposed E-Auction scheduled for 10.06.2021 is Postponed.
The next date will be announced later.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 09.06.2021

Sd/- Authorised Officer, STATE BANK OF INDIA
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DEMAND NOTICE
UNDER SEC.13 (2) SARFAESI Act 2002

Enforcement of security interest Action Notice-In connection with the credit facilities enjoyed by the following borrowers with in the branches mentioned herein below- classified as NPA

We have to inform you that you whose Name & Address mentioned here in below had availed following credit facilities from **Union Bank of India, Bannerghatta Road Branch**, offering the property, mentioned here in below. Since you have failed to repay the loan amounts as agreed by you, your following mentioned account/s has/have been classified as Non Performing Assets [NPA] as on the date mentioned herein below. The individual notice has been also already sent to you demanding the due amount

1. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: 1) Mrs. Kanyakumari W/o Vijay Kumar A, 2) Mr. Vijay Kumar A, Both are R/at No.13/A, Khata No.22/2, Nr Shiva Reddy Layout, Naganathpura, Hosa Road, Bangalore-560068

Name of Facility Amount Due

Sl. No	Facility & Account Number	Limit Sanctioned (Rs.)	Applicable Rate of interest	Running Ledger O/S (Rs.)	Interest payable In Rs.	Total over dues as on 30.04.21 in Rs.
1	119630100010420	Rs. 12,00,000/-	9.60%	Rs. 12,50,621/-	Rs. 40420/-	Rs. 55210/-
2	119630100023804	Rs. 6,00,000/-	8.55%	Rs. 4,65,648/-	----	Rs. 4,65,648/-

Amount Outstanding : A/c No 119630100010420 of **Rs.12,50,620/-** (Rupees Twelve Lakhs fifty thousand six hundred twenty only) & Term Loan **A/c No 119630100023804** a sum of **Rs. 4,65,648/-** (Rupees Four lakhs sixty five thousand six hundred and forty eight only) **as on 06.05.2021** with subsequent interest as per the agreement (s).

NPA Date: 30.04.2021 **Demand Date : 06.05.2021**

Description Of The Secured Assets

All that Piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing site no 13/A, Property No. 22/2, Katha No. 22/2, Situated at Naganathpura Village, Beguru Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk presently comes under BBMP limits, Measuring East to West : 40 feet and North to South : 20 feet in all measuring 800 sq.ft bounded as follows : East by: Private Property, West by: Road, North by: Site No.12, South by: Site No.13.

2. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: 1) M/s Girish Power Loom, Prop. Mr. Girish A.N, #07, Chowdeswari Nagar, Weavers colony, Tathaguni Kanakapur Main Road, Bangalore-560062. **2) Nagamma (Guarantor)** No.79 R Chowdeswari Nagar, Weavers colony, Tathaguni Kanakapur Main Chowdeshwari Temple, Bangalore-560062. **3) Jaganath (Guarantor)** #40 Chowdeshwari Temple, Chowdeshwari Nagar, Tathaguni Post, Weavers Colony, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore-560082

Name of Facility Amount Due

Sl. No	Facility & Account Number	Limit Sanctioned (Rs.)	Applicable Rate of interest	Running Ledger O/S (Rs.)	Interest payable In Rs.	Total over dues as on 31.03.21 in Rs.
1	TL 119630100022382	Rs. 12,00,000/-	10.00%	Rs. 7,14,141/-	Rs. 19,222/-	Rs. 46971/-

Amount Outstanding : A/c No TL 119630100022382, of **Rs.7,14,141/-** (Rupees Seven Lakhs fourteen thousand one hundred and forty one only) **as on 12.05.2021** with subsequent interest as per the agreement (s).

NPA Date: 31.03.2021 **Demand Date : 12.05.2021**

Description Of The Secured Assets

Property bearing Site No 67/A, Katha No. 48/5, situated at THATHAGUNI VILLAGE, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 15+ 5 ½ Feet and North to South 45-0 Feet, and bounded on the : East : Road, West: Site No.66, North : Road, South : Road.

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law. Your kind attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 09.06.2021
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

EDITORIAL

It is generally believed that Indian painting originated from kings' courts. ... The greatest of the Pallava kings, Mahendravarman, had a personal taste for painting and had the title *citrakārapuli*

C Minakshi

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— Ramnath Goenka

WORLD BANK SLASHES GDP FORECAST BUT THERE'S A SILVER LINING

India's GDP growth forecasts have been doing a yo-yo in tandem with the changing fortunes of the country's fight against the Covid-19 pandemic. On Tuesday, the World Bank slashed India's GDP forecast for financial year 2022 to 8.3%, down from its earlier estimate of 10.1%. The international lender said the sweep of the second wave of the virus had sharply damaged the economic rebound. The pandemic, it said, will continue to undermine consumption and investment in India as "confidence remains depressed and balance sheets damaged". Earlier, on April 1, before the second wave broke, the World Bank had raised its forecast for FY22 to 10.1%, substantially higher than the 5.4% it had projected in January. However, the lingering effect of the pandemic has now also pushed down its forecast for the following fiscal—FY2023—to 7.5%.

The Reserve Bank's growth estimates too have been changing. In its latest forecast, the RBI on June 4 had revised its GDP growth estimate for FY22 to 9.5% from 10.5% earlier. Significantly, India performed worse compared to its neighbours and thus has a lot of catching up to do. For FY2021, while India has contracted by 7.3%, Bangladesh has bounced back with a growth of 3.6% and Pakistan will register a GDP growth of 1.3%, according to the World Bank's latest 'Global Economic Prospects'.

But there seems to be some light at the end of the tunnel. The Bank has lauded India's policy shift in this year's Budget "toward higher expenditure targeted at healthcare and infrastructure to boost the post-pandemic recovery". It has however said this may require further support, considering the high health and economic costs. Besides this, there has been a sharp decline in Covid-19 infections and deaths, prompting many regions and cities to open up ahead of schedule. As a result, pent-up demand has burst, creating a wave of consumption. Consumer and FMCG companies are reporting robust sales of laptops, smartphones, microwaves and kitchen appliances. Online marketplaces too say sales have shot up 10-15% in recent days. The bounce-back has been faster than expected, and this bodes well as GDP growth forecasts can perhaps see an upgrade very soon.

WHY FED DESERVES BENEFIT OF DOUBT

On Sunday, Roger Federer announced he was withdrawing from the French Open. After a hard-fought victory over Dominik Koepfer in the third round, the Swiss ace felt he had had enough. Or at least his body had—'it's important that I listen to my body' is how he framed his withdrawal—and he pulled the plug on his Parisian adventure. In a Slam that has already courted controversy because of the way all parties handled the Naomi Osaka episode, this is another move that was expected to set the tongues wagging.

Like every debate, there are two arguments at play. Federer knows his body better than most. At least at 39 years of age, we must give him the benefit of doubt. So if the 20-time Major winner felt another match on clay could have pushed his fragile knees—already operated upon twice in the last 18 months—to a point of no return, he's well within his right to withdraw. Saying that, there is a pertinent question that is on everyone's mind: Is it right to choose a Slam as match practice ahead of Wimbledon (his preferred Major)? Arguments such as 'he is Federer and has earned the right to do it' or 'he didn't expect to advance to the fourth round' seem frivolous. At the end of the day, you do not want athletes to forfeit matches or walk away from Slams when they are not injured. Even though Andy Murray endorsed Federer's decision, a few commentators didn't like the move. Federer didn't break any rule. Nor did he bring the game into disrepute. However, is it even right to walk away to prioritise playing on a more favourable surface in a few weeks' time? That's the crux of the argument of the people who do not like this. Also think about what Djokovic would have felt. He outlasted teen Lorenzo Musetti in five sets and he then had to face the well-rested Matteo Berrettini, who was scheduled to be Federer's fourth round opponent.

To be fair, Federer has been a living embodiment of sporting spirit in his long career. Given the aura of greatness as well goodness around him, this perhaps was excusable. With age not on your side, not listening to the body is always fraught with danger.

The prior assumption that the virus travelled from bats to humans has been forcefully challenged by a series of revelations about the happenings in the Wuhan lab

COVID CONTROVERSY TESTS SCIENCE'S MORAL MOORINGS

SOUMYADIP SINHA

DR K SRINATH REDDY

Cardiologist, epidemiologist and President, Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI)

"Keep your enthusiasm, but let strict verification be its constant companion." This was Louis Pasteur's wise counsel to his young research fellows. It embodies the core philosophical tenets of science: curiosity to seek new knowledge or test old assumptions and dogmas; exploration along that path with a vision unclouded by bias; meticulous investigation to unravel facts with accuracy and precision; objective analysis of assembled data; honest reporting of results; and an insightful discussion of the implications of the findings for the field of study and, where relevant, for policies that impact wider society.

Constructed on these foundations, science also calls for a readiness to change one's prior beliefs and adopt new positions in light of new evidence that is credible and provides new perspectives. While science calls for healthy skepticism when testing a new hypothesis, it also calls for a ready embrace of new knowledge that has emerged from the crucible of rigorous investigation and stood the test of critical appraisal by expert peers.

While science is not infallible, these philosophical tenets of science endow it with the strength of self-correction. That strength has been called for duty recently, in reacting to the controversy surrounding the origins of the Sars-CoV-2 virus. The prior assumption that the virus travelled from bats in the forests of Wuhan to humans, possibly through an intermediate host animal like the pangolin, has been forcefully challenged by a series of revelations in global media about the happenings in the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV). The 'lab leak' hypothesis, hitherto dismissed as a crazy conspiracy theory, suddenly looks plausible.

It now appears that miners who were employed to dig mounds of bat excreta in caves outside Wuhan for research purposes in WIV had developed pneumonia similar to Sars. Then lab workers in WIV fell ill with respiratory illnesses resembling Covid-19. All of these events preceded the public acknowledgement of cases occurring in the general population of Wuhan in late December 2019. Much of this information has been unearthed by a global coalition of amateur internet sleuths, who go by the collective name DRASTIC. Interestingly, a key contributor to this effort is a young science teacher from Bengal.

It has also been revealed that WIV was involved in 'gain of function' research with coronaviruses. This involves modifying wild viruses isolated from bats and other forest animals to see whether their infectivity or virulence can be increased. The ostensible reason for such dangerous research is to explore what might happen because of future mutations in a wild virus. A hidden motive, of developing biological weapons for warfare, cannot be fully ruled out.

A secret that has spilled out, in the massive unearthing of hidden documents, is that WIV in China has been receiving funding from the US government's federal research agencies. Those grants were routed through a global non-government organisation called Eco-Health Alliance. This group's mission is to promote research into the dynamics of zoonotic transmission of microbes from animals to help anticipate and prevent future pandemics. While that is laudable, funding of dangerous 'gain of function' research deserves condemnation.

> Deliberate modification of natural microbes to enhance their dangerous traits is unethical. ... This is not the first time that the strength of science has been misdirected to design dangerous products

It is apparent from recently revealed documents, which include emails of Dr Anthony Fauci, that several senior US government officials were aware of the 'gain of function' research at WIV and its funding route. Some officials even made active attempts to stop enquiries related to this research. What were they trying to hide? An accidental 'lab leak' of an engineered virus cannot be ruled out on the basis of recent evidence. A deliberate release into the general population is extremely unlikely.

The zoonotic origin of the infection should be still regarded as real, judging by the initial sickness of the miners exposed to bat excreta. However, what happened to the bat coronavirus after it arrived in the laboratory still needs to be investigated.

Deliberate modification of natural microbes to enhance their dangerous traits is clearly unethical and deviates from the moral moorings of science.

This is not the first time that the strength of science has been misdirected to design dangerous products. Nuclear weapons are a clear example. Several technological products of sound science have led to climate change, environmental pollution, chronic diseases and weapons of mass destruction. Some of them, like chlorofluorocarbons, leaded petrol and ultra-processed foods may not have revealed their potential for harm when first invented, but the danger of engineering viruses for greater harm should have been obvious to anyone, other than wannabe Frankensteins and militaristic minds with ambitions of global domination.

That raises the question of who should be the watchdogs of research, so that misdirected scientific curiosity and blinkered pursuit of projects for bioengineering pathogens does not lead to calamitous consequences. The public must be the judge of whether such research should ever be permitted, not just researchers who do not see beyond their nose. Society must judge what is safe, not just the scientists.

To those who doubt the ability of common people to understand the complexities of science vis a vis public policy, these sage words of Thomas Jefferson should show the light: "I know of no safe depository of the ultimate power of society than the people themselves, and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise that control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion."

(Views are personal)

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THE ONLY SURVIVING VIJAYANAGARA PAINTINGS IN HAMPI

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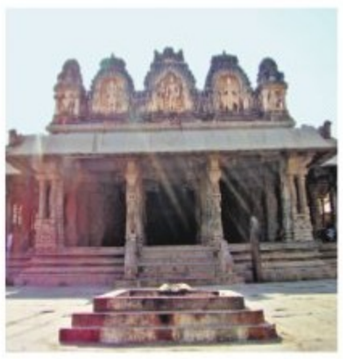
There is a rich tradition of mural paintings in the southern part of India. In the post-Ajanta visual arts scenario, the Badami Chalukyas, Pallavas of Kanchipuram and Chola kings patronised mural paintings. The 12th century CE encyclopaedia *Abhilashitartha Chintamani*, also known as *Manasollasa*, compiled by the Kalyan Chalukya king Someshwara III, dedicated a complete chapter to the techniques and making of mural paintings (*bhitti chitra*). The Vijayanagara kings continued the patronisation of the mural painting tradition. Foreign travel accounts about Hampi say that many temples and palaces were decorated with paintings.

Hampi was an important religious centre even before the Vijayanagara period. God Virupaksha, a focal point of the Vijayanagara Hampi city, has been mentioned in Kalyan Chalukya inscriptions. The 12th century Kannada literary laureates Harihara and Raghavanka lived in Hampi. Harihara was responsible for composing the work on Girija Kalyana, the marriage of Lord Shiva and Girija, inspired by Kalidasa's *Kumara Sambhavam*.

Presently, the Virupaksha temple's *maharangamantapa* is the only Vijayanagara monument in Hampi with paintings that have survived till date. It was built by Vijayanagara Emperor Sri Krishnadevaraya in 1509 CE to commemorate his coronation. The paintings occupy the large ceiling of the *maharangamantapa*. They are divided according to subjects in a rectangular compositional frame. The Trimurtis along with their spouses and retinue are depicted in an individual composition. The other important themes like Girija Kalyana, Tripura Samhara Shiva and Kama disturbing Shiva's penance are composed in one row in the central space of the ceiling. In the subsequent scene, the wedding of Shiva and Girija is narrated and in the lower strata of this episode, the Dashavatara images of Vishnu are painted in a row. Other important themes are Rama breaking Shiva's bow to marry Sita and Arjuna shooting an arrow at the rotating fish to marry Draupadi. Both the themes are connected to *swayamvars* and culminate with the illustration of the respective wedding scenes. Besides the above, Kama and Rati are depicted as riding *pancha nari turaga* (horse composed of five women) and *nava nari kunjara* (elephant composed of nine women). The whole lintel of the hall has been covered with paintings depicting varied themes.

Thematic and stylistic depictions of these murals have interesting features. Starting from the Trimurti figures, all are composed in an artistically decorated arched design that has a rectangular structure and triple shrine motifs on the upper portion. The composition of these figures gives the feeling of enshrined images in a temple. The use of flora and fauna within these square compositions further enhances the artistic approach of the paintings. The Tripura Samhara, and Kama and Siva narrations are interesting from the point of mode of depiction. The theme of Tripura Samhara had already become a popular subject in Indian sculptures and paintings. The Thanjavur Brihadeeswara temple has a similar theme depicted on the outer walls of the *garbagriha*. Here at the *maharangamantapa*, the Tripurari theme is realistically depicted: Shiva standing on a chariot formed out of a serpent, driven by the seven horses of Surya; Surya and Chandra becoming the wheels of the mighty chariot; and Brahma becoming the charioteer. The three demon brothers Tarakaksha, Vidyunmali and Kamalaksha are symbolically represented in a circular form depicting their cities. The *Mahabharata's Shalya Parva* has a beautiful narration of this theme where Shiva's features are eulogised. In the episode narrating the penance of Shiva with Kama disturbing it—popularly identified as *Manmatha Vijaya*—Manmatha and Rati are standing in a chariot driven by a parrot. Manmatha aims a flower arrow to disturb Shiva's penance and make his mind turn towards Girija; their marriage would lead to Kumara's birth. The most beautiful narration is the Girija Kalyana. All the figures are standing in a group. The central space has the narration of Shiva's marriage with Girija. Vishnu and Brahma with their spouses attend the marriage that is performed in front of a tree.



(L) The *maharangamantapa* of Hampi's Virupaksha temple that has mural paintings from Emperor Krishnadevaraya's period; (R) Tripura Samhara painting on its ceiling

The last strata of the ceiling painting theme is that of the procession of a pontiff seated in a royal open palanquin. The narration of the procession culminates at the Virupaksha temple, giving an impression of it actually taking place in Virupaksha bazaar. The pontiff in the palanquin has been identified by this author in 2000 as Sri Vyasateertha, a Madhwa seer who was also the royal preceptor of Krishnadevaraya. In *Vyasayogi Charita,* a poetic composition of the same period, Vyasateertha is eulogised as removing an obstacle to Krishnadevaraya (*Kuha Yoga*). The records speak about Krishnadevaraya performing *kanakabhisheka* to his guru.

The paintings have been dated differently by scholars. The well-known art historian C Sivaramamurti dated these to the 15th century CE. But back then, the *maharangamantapa* itself was not yet constructed. Another scholar dated them to the 18th century CE. A thorough art historical study of these paintings, their style, form, mode of narration and contemporary stylistic affiliations confirm that they were executed during Krishnadevaraya's period. Since the emperor was a great patron of art and culture, the narration of the procession theme depicted here confirms the date of murals to the first quarter (before 1525 CE) of the 16th century CE.

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Made in China

This is with reference to *China's vaccine was ready even before the pandemic* (June 9). That China was already working on a vaccine before the breakout of the pandemic says all that is needed. The observation made by eminent virologist Dr T Jacob John clearly hints that the virus was developed in the lab in Wuhan. All nations must unite against China.

K Jayanthi, Chennai

Backbone of the workforce

This is with reference to *Welcome rollback of vax policy, nixing of differential pricing* (Jun 9). The prime minister's decision to reverse the current vaccine policy is a shot in the arm for the entire nation. Since the 18 to 45 age group represents the backbone of the workforce, it is better to prioritise them to help lift the economy out of the depths to which it has fallen. The Centre and state governments should work on the basis of mutual cooperation for the common goal of eradicating the virus.

R Pichumani, Kumbakonam

True spirit of federalism

The rollback of the Centre's vaccine policy after the court's intervention is a step in the right direction. Though the plan to allow states to get their own vaccines was done partly due to their own insistence, it only induced chaos. The centralised procurement of vaccines will streamline the inoculation process and encourage the true spirit of cooperative federalism between the Centre and states.

Ram Saran Singh, Bengaluru

Judiciary very important

This is with reference to *Governance during the pandemic* (Jun 9). Democracy always needs judicial review so as to have better governance on the part of both the elected representatives and their executives. Whenever democracy loses its sanctity, the common man expects the judiciary to interfere in the future as well.

P K Sreevalsan, Kannur

Helping street vendors

The Odisha chief minister's announcement of a financial package for the poor street vendors of the state whose lives have been shattered by the pandemic is highly laudable. For those who earn their living by selling on the streets and in the markets, the pandemic-induced lockdown has made their situation go from bad to worse. All other states must follow this example and implement similar relief measures for street vendors.

M Pradyu, Kannur

Lockdown as bad as virus

The ill effects of the lockdown are as bad as the pandemic itself. An indiscriminate use of the lockdown as a coping mechanism also drives many to below poverty line and even death sometimes. While we cannot do away with shutdowns, what is required is a balanced approach that factors in the economy, the virus and the people.

Capt Raju Mathai (Retd), Kochi

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
Govt will not allow people to live even if they survive the pandemic. Petroleum prices hiked 21 times after BJP being mauled in TN Kerala & Bengal elections

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
In order to vaccinate majority of population this year, we need to be vaccinating 10 million per day

Prakash Javadekar @PrakashJavdekar
To make travelling in Railway more secure, Modi govt has decided to provide 4G spectrum to railways. It will improve its communication system

Recount shows under-reporting of Bihar Covid deaths

Verification ordered by CM to compensate families reveals nearly 4,000 cases were not recorded, action promised against those responsible

Vaccination programme at Patliputra Sports Complex in Patna on Wednesday | PTI

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna

IT has been officially confirmed that the districts in Bihar were not doing accurate reporting of Covid-19 deaths during the second wave of the pandemic. In a verification drive launched by the state government on May 18, it was found that 3,951 deaths had not been recorded in previous fatality reports.

Till June 7, the state's total count of Covid-19 deaths was 5,424. After revision, the tally went up to 9,375 on June 8. The highest number of 'unreported' deaths — 1,069 — is from Patna. Now, this district's total has risen to 2,293 from 1,229.

The verification was done following a directive from CM Nitish Kumar, who wanted the right figures to ensure payment of ex-gratia to the kin of the deceased. Teams of civil surgeons, Additional Chief Medical Officers and senior medical officers from the district level were formed. Principals, superintendents and heads of departments of medical colleges were also part of the teams.

The state government has announced ex-gratia of ₹4 lakh to the next kin of each of those who died due to Covid and sanctioned ₹300 crore for this.

"Bihar is the first state in country that has carried out such an intensive verification exercise, taking suo motu cognizance of deaths due to Covid with an aim to provide ex-gratia to the next kin of all those who died," said Pratyay Amrit, Additional Chief Secretary of the health department.

Previous reports filed by almost all the districts were inaccurate. After Patna, 316 new Covid deaths were reported from Begusarai, 314 from Muzaffarpur, 291 from East Champaran, 222 from Nalanda, 162 from Madhubani, 150 from Darbhanaga,122 from Rohtas, 102 from Kaimur and 97 from Buxar, where 75 unidentified bodies were floating in the Ganga.

Amrit confirmed the revised death tally is 9,375 and that the government will soon make the payments. He added that these deaths were verified after talking to people and other sources, which were confirmed by the teams of officials.

Asked whose fault it was when deaths were under-reported, Amrit said: "The department is trying to find out whose fault it was. Proper action will be taken after we ascertain the facts."

Principal opposition party RJD attacked the NDA government in the state, saying they had been frequently doubting that the actual number of Covid deaths had not been revealed. "Now, it has been exposed how the NDA government was not reporting deaths accurately," said Mritunjay Tiwari, the RJD spokesperso. He claimed RJD knew that deaths were being under-reported.

'SENSITIVE' DATA

Centre bars states from sharing vaccine information

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@New Delhi

THE Union Health Ministry has prohibited states from sharing Covid-19 vaccine stock-related information to any other agency or organisation, calling it "sensitive", it has emerged.

States are supposed to update the Centre on stock and transactions of all vaccines, those included in its Universal Immunisation Programme as well as using the Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network (EVIN), a management system implemented in India with the help of the United Nations Development Programme.

The eVIN system is used to track the vaccine stock status and temperature at all levels of vaccine storage — from the national to sub-district levels after being launched in 2012-13.

"It is overwhelming to see that all states are using the system to update the stock and transactions of Covid-19 vaccines on a daily basis," said a letter issued to the mission director of the National Health Mission in states on June 4 by the ministry.

The letter added that data and analytics generated by eVIN for inventory and temperature are owned by the ministry and should not be shared with any other organisation, partner or media agency, online and offline public forums without consent. "This is sensitive information and to be used only for programme improvement," the letter added.

The letter has come at a time when questions are being raised on the lack of centralised vaccine availability data in the public domain and opacity in the vaccine distribution plan to states.

Officials in the ministry, however, insisted that this was a routine letter issued to states and is sent periodically on all vaccines and was not issued specifically for Covid-19 vaccines.

"That is because information related to vaccine consumption and cold storage etc. can be used by private companies to push their trade agendas in specific areas," clarified an official in the reproductive and child division of the ministry.

Another official said data related to vaccines is also updated on the CoWIN portal.

Sorry state of Congress & BJP's Brahmin 'connect'

RICHA SHARMA & ENS
@ New Delhi/Lucknow

FORMER Union minister Jitin Prasada, another key member of Team Rahul Gandhi during UPA II, joining BJP shows that Congress has failed to put house in order, forcing its disenchanted younger leadership to seek greener pastures.

Prasada, a Brahmin from UP and signatory to the letter by G23 party leaders, switching over to BJP ahead of next year's Assembly elections in the state may not impact the grand old party's state unit, which is in a shambles. But this may help BJP send a signal to the Brahmin community, which apparently feels sidelined under the leadership of Yogi Adityanath, a Rajput. Congress officials called it unfortunate and that he had a future with the party.

The 47-year-old joins former colleague Jyotiraditya Scindia (MP)in BJP. Gandhi's other close associates, Sachin Pilot and Milind Deora, are also unhappy with affairs in the party. Pilot and Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot's feud played out publicly last year, when the former rebelled and reportedly was in touch with BJP.

"We still have a strong bench, that if empowered and optimally utilised, can deliver. I only wish that several of my friends, peers and valued colleagues hadn't left us," tweeted Deora.

Some of these young leaders were catapulted as ministers in UPA II in 2009, but they feel left out following the party's poor performance in Assembly and General elections after that. Several leaders, especially from the G23, are unhappy with the leadership. More may quit in coming months, say sources.

Jitin Prasada joins BJP in the presence of Union minister Piyush Goyal | PARVEEN NEGI

Prasada lost three elections (Lok Sabha 2014 & 2019, Assembly 2017) from UP. Keeping in mind 2022, he floated Brahmin Chetna Parishad last year and projected himself as the Brahmin face of Congress in the state. UP has 12% Brahmin population. He was appointed AICC in-charge for Bengal, where the party could not win a seat. He reportedly felt the appointment was to keep him out of UP. He was not included in the committees constituted by Priyanka Gandhi Vadra.

Caste factor in UP elections

On the other hand, Prasada's entry into the party could be seen as an attempt by BJP to score on two fronts. First, it's an attempt to change the perception that the Adityanath government is 'anti-Brahmin'. Second, to present a more acceptable face of their caste to the young Brahmin electorate ahead of next year's polls.

Brahmins are one of the most politically powerful castes in UP. According to Lucknow-based political journalist Anshuman Shukla, they have influence in over 30 of 80 Lok Sabha seats. "Brahmins traditionally flocked behind Congress. But since the Ram Temple movement, they tilted towards BJP," he says. But Shukla adds that Brahmins also became part of the Mayawati-led Dalit-Brahmin social engineering formula and played a role in BSP's victory in 2007. The same caste helped Samajwadi Party to power in 2012, but returned to BJP in the 2014 Lok Sabha polls.

According to insiders, BJP presently has no big Brahmin face. With Prasada's entry, the party will be eyeing 38-40 Brahmin dominated seats of Central UP districts. But it remains to be seen how he lives up to expectations, given his own poor track record as a candidate.

EAM thanks Qatar NSA

New Delhi: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Wednesday met Qatar's NSA Mohamed Bin Al Mesned to thank him for his country's help to India during the second wave of the pandemic. Jaishankar, who was on his way to Kuwait for a three-day visit at the invitation of the foreign minister, made a brief stopover at Doha.

AI vaccinates its workforce

New Delhi: National carrier Air India, which lost five of its pilots to Covid-19 last month, on Wednesday said it has vaccinated all its eligible workforce. "Air India Group started vaccination drive for all its employees, including all pilots and cabin crew, on May 15 at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad and other locations. All eligible staff and its subsidiaries have been vaccinated," it said.

Inoculation to resume for 18+

Jaipur: The Rajasthan government, which had halted the vaccination for the 18-44 age group for over a week, will resume the drive for the category as the state will receive 12.70 lakh doses from June 9, state health minister Raghu Sharma said. The state has already paid over `100 crore to SII and Bharat Biotech to procure Covishield and Covaxin doses, respectively.

Trying to comply with new IT rules, says Twitter

New Delhi: After the Centre's "one last notice" to comply with the new IT rules, Twitter has written to the government that it was making efforts to comply with the guidelines. In a statement, a Twitter spokesperson said: "Twitter has been and remains deeply committed to India, and serving the vital public conversation taking place on the service. We have assured the Government of India that Twitter is making every effort to comply with the new Guidelines, and an overview of our progress has been duly shared. We will continue our constructive dialogue with the Indian Government." Since the notification of the new rules in February, there has been a tussle between the government and Twitter and other social media intermediaries which were given three months to comply. According to a news agency, Twitter has written to the government that it was in advanced stages of finalising a chief compliance officer as per the new IT rules and that additional details will be submitted within a week. This comes after the Centre's recent notice saying it was giving Twitter 'one final notice' to comply. ENS

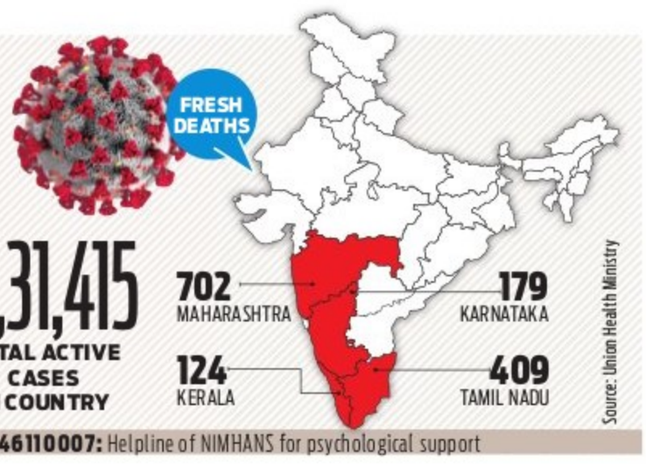
COVID TRACKER

5.66% WEEKLY POSITIVITY RATE
4.66% DAILY POSITIVITY RATE
94.55% NATIONAL RECOVERY RATE

19,85,967 NUMBER OF TESTS CONDUCTED ON TUESDAY

VACCINE UPDATE
1st Dose 19.21 Cr
2nd Dose 4.69 Cr
25 Cr DOSES PROVIDED TO STATES/UTS SO FAR
1.33 Cr DOSES AVAILABLE WITH STATES/UTS

12,31,415 TOTAL ACTIVE CASES IN COUNTRY



HELPLINE NUMBERS ▸ **1075:** National helpline | **1098:** Child helpline | **14567:** Senior citizens helpline | **08046110007:** Helpline of NIMHANS for psychological support

Form teams to monitor Covid cases, high court tells Uttarakhand govt

VINEET UPADHYAY @ Dehradun

EVEN as the present Covid wave recedes and the government prepares for a massive vaccination drive for the 18-plus age group through CoWin app, the Uttarakhand High Court on Wednesday ordered the state government to conduct door-to-door surveillance across 13 districts of the state, especially in remote villages.

"Unless surveillance is carried out on a war footing, it will be difficult to stop the onslaught of a third wave. This is war and we cannot leave our last man behind," said a division bench of Chief Justice RS Chauhan and Justice Alok Kumar Verma.

The court directed the government to form teams comprising nurses, home guards, and ASHA workers for each district which will go door-to-door to check if people have any Covid symptoms and also gather data of vaccinated people in households. The court also asked the government to form a 'district task force' to address the digital divide in the state. Dushyant Mainali, one of the counsels in the PILs said, "The court directed the government to take stock of people who are underprivileged, do not have identity cards, and cannot get vaccines for themselves." The court while hearing the PIL also came down heavily on the Secretary, Tourism, Uttarakhand. Questioning the Secretary, the court asked how he could, sitting in his "cocoon" in Dehradun, decide that all is well for tourism to reopen in the state. Earlier, last month the court had directed the Secretary to visit places such as Kedarnath shrine and others and then decide about reopening tourism in the state.

Taking note of complaints of overcharging for vaccines, the court directed the government to take action in the matter.

BUSINESS UNUSUAL

Shopkeepers wait for customers as Aminabad market reopens after the lifting of Covid-19 lockdown in Lucknow on Wednesday | PTI

Quad vax goal on track: Top US official

NEW DELHI: US President Joe Biden's top official on Indo-Pacific policy Kurt Campbell has said the Quad is on track to meet their goal of manufacturing one billion doses of coronavirus vaccine by the end of next year despite the second wave of the pandemic in India.

The vaccine partnership of the grouping, comprising India, Japan, the US and Australia, was announced in March during the first-ever Quad leaders' virtual meeting.

"Our discussions with both our partners in the private sector and also, in government suggest that we are, knock-on-wood, still on track for 2022, but the most intense efforts right now are in the short term," Campbell said while addressing an event organised by the Center for New American Security.

The White House official said Washington had been in consultation with New Delhi on the issue and added that the US had tried to stand with India by bringing private and public support for the country.

Campbell said the in-person Quad leaders' meeting will be held in Washington. "We will ensure that we have taken the necessary steps on the vaccine deliverable — we intend to build on that," he said.

"We want to do something constructive with respect to infrastructure and I think we are going to take some other steps to build out the Quad to ensure that as an unofficial gathering," he said. *ENS*

Jharkhand girl pens book on experiences during quarantine

MUKESH RANJAN @Ranchi

MANSI Chaudhary, 19, pursuing Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) from St Xavier's College in Ranchi, has put her experiences of month-long home isolation to words. Her *One Month Story* has been published by Notion Press and is available online on Amazon and Flipkart.

Chaudhary says the book contains the thoughts that surrounded her in the isolation period after she was reported Covid-positive. The book has been published both in English and Hindi. The *One Month Story* particularly highlights her negative feelings, which she picked up immediately after being home-confined. These thoughts, she says, gradually converted into positive ones in the course of time.

One of the most striking thoughts, Mansi says, was about her 18-member family whom she could not see during the isolation days. "A diary came in handy to help me interact with myself," she said.

"I was put up in a separate room, where I realised that despite having 18 family members at home, I was unable to meet none. It was a horrible experience as there is nothing to entertain you... gradually you lose interest in food after losing taste and smell. You cannot talk to the people even when they are near you," says Mansi.

"I started writing my diary on the day-to-day happenings like how family members were not able to come near me, how the food was put before me from a distance, and all other minor details. I started it right from day one after I got into isolation on April 27, till I recovered after a month," says the young writer. According to Mansi, the mobile phone fails to do its bit after a while because "you like to talk to the people personally, physically".

Mansi's parents, however, were unaware that she had been writing the book.

Mansi's parents were unaware of her writing ambition. "The book has really made us proud. I have been getting congratulatory phone calls from my family and friends. I have also been told by the local administration that they will felicitate Mansi," said her father Ravindra Gupta.

Published by Notion Press, the book is available in English and Hindi

FAKE CALL CENTRE BUSTED

Haryana Police on Wednesday raided an alleged fake call centre being run in a marriage palace building on Ambala-Kaithal Highway near Ambala city and booked nine people

55 YEAR OLD — FARMER ATTACKED BY COW IN UTTAR PRADESH DIES

	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	38	28	Mumbai	31	27
Bhopal	38	26	Panaji	38	23
Jaipur	41	30	Patna	36	26
Amritsar	41	30	Lucknow	35	26
Chennai	34	28	Port Blair	29	24
Kolkata	33	26	Imphal	30	21
Srinagar	34	20	Chandigarh	39	29

Fresh Oppn pressure on govt over agri laws

Pawar leads push in Maha to amend state farm laws

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar has taken the initiative in Maharashtra to amend the state agriculture laws to protect the interests of the farmers and ensure its approval in the upcoming monsoon session of the state Assembly scheduled on July 5.

Pawar had called a meeting at his residence on Wednesday that was attended by state agriculture minister Dada Bhuse, senior Congress minister Balasaheb Thorat, marketing federation minister Balasaheb Patil and minister of state Vishwajit Kadam.

"We want to amend the state agriculture law as we feel that the Union government's agriculture laws are not in the interest of farmers. The proposed amendments will ensure the protection of Agriculture Produce Marketing Committees (APMCs), redressal of grievances of farmers and protection of the interests of agriculturists during the crop trade among others. We will also insert a provision mandating license for traders which was not there in the Central laws," Thorat told reporters.

The state government led by Uddhav Thackeray had decided not to implement the Centre's three farm laws because of opposition by the farmers.

Thorat said the government is committed to the development of the farmers. "Senior leader and former agriculture minister Sharad Pawar has given some suggestions for drafting the farm laws. We have studied the Central farm laws. The farmer interests are paramount to us," Thorat said.

Thorat compared the Modi government to East India Company. "The Modi government is like the East India Company in the pre-Independence era. A few industrialists are looting this country with the help of the government in Centre," Thorat said.

"Our Prime Minister has become a slave of the big capitalists. However we will not allow our freedom to be taken away and will force the government to repeal the three farm laws," he said.

The proposed amendments will ensure the protection of Agriculture Produce Marketing Committees, redressal of grievances of farmers and protection of their interests

Balasaheb Thorat, Maharashtra Congress leader

Next mission is to derail Modi govt, says Mamata

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

A month after winning her third-straight term as West Bengal chief minister, TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday said her goal now is to derail the Narendra Modi-led NDA government at the Centre.

Meeting the chief of Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) Rakesh Tikait in Kolkata, Mamata called on all Opposition parties to support the farmer's in their agitation against the Centre's farm laws.

Mamata assured Tikait of her support to the farmers' movement and said West Bengal will continue to stand with the farmers.

"The farmers' movement is not just for Punjab, Haryana or Uttar Pradesh. It is for the whole country. From now, my goal will be to derail the BJP-led Central government. It is necessary for the states to come together to discuss policy issues and stand together against injustice," said Mamata after meeting Tikait.

Earlier, the Bengal chief minister had extended her support to the farmers' agitation. Several TMC MPs had visited the venues along the borders of the national capital where the farmers have been protesting since last November.

Mamata said there should be a platform where the states could deliberate on the Centre's policy. "Bulldozing states is not good for the federal structure. India is hungrily waiting for policies, which help in fighting coronavirus and assist farmers and the industry," said Mamata.

"Ahead of the recent Assembly elections, Tikait had visited Bengal and urged people not to vote for the BJP. Now, Mamata Banerjee is the face of the country, who can stand firm against the BJP. It is now obvious that the farmer leaders will seek our support to further intensify the ongoing farmers' protest against the Centre's farm laws," said a senior TMC leader. With the pandemic situation improving, the farmers are planning to intensify the protests again. "We thank her (Mamata) for this assurance. West Bengal should work as model state," said Tikait.

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Mamata Banerjee, West Bengal chief minister

BLAME GAME ON AFTER 60 MM RAIN IN AN HOUR FLOODS MUMBAI

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

MUMBAI received about 60 millimetres of rainfall in an hour on Wednesday, leading to waterlogging in several places including Hindmata, Milan Subway and Sion.

The flooding of the railway tracks led to brief suspension of suburban rail services.

Mayor of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) Kishori Pednekar blamed the railways for the flooding of the tracks and the adjoining areas. Pednekar said the Central Railway did not cooperate with the BMC, and therefore, the BMC could not conduct cleaning works in the nullahs and the adjoining areas that fall under the railways' jurisdiction.

However, the Central Railway refuted her claim. Its spokesperson Shivaji Sutar said they have been in touch with the BMC officials to deliver the best possible services to the passengers.

Vehicles make their way through a waterlogged road during heavy rain, at Kings Circle, in Mumbai on Wednesday | PTI

Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray visited the BMC's disaster management room to take stock of the situation. BMC chief Iqbal Singh Chahal and Pednekar visited Hindmata.

Chahal said waterlogging was not reported in most places due to the working of the pump stations. "BMC is working on war footing to drain out the excessive rainwater," he said.

"Though the flooding disrupted traffic in some parts, in most areas there were no major disruptions. The local train services were suspended for a brief period," Chahal said.

Meanwhile, the BJP attacked the BMC over the flooding. BJP leader Ashish Shelar said the first rain in Mumbai this season has exposed the BMC's claim that 100 per cent nullahs have been cleaned.

"The nullah cleaning the major scam where each year ₹1,000 crore is wasted. The audit should be conducted. The Shiv Sena has been ruling the BMC for the last 20 years. But Mumbai is still suffering from a lack of basic infrastructure. The responsibility should be fixed," Shelar said.

Wait gets longer for final data on Ph-3 covaxin trials

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

THE wait for published data on the final phase 3 clinical trials of Covaxin is getting longer despite a growing clamour to release it, amid new information that compared to Covishield, it may be triggering lower antibody response to Covid-19.

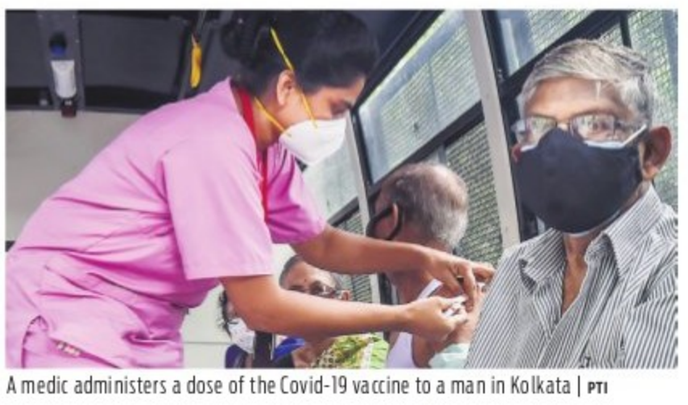
On Wednesday, Bharat Biotech, which has developed Covaxin, with support from ICMR, said the final analysis of its efficacy trials between November-January, will be made public only in July, after it is submitted to the drug regulator and peer reviewed journals with a timeline of about three months for publication.

While announcing the second interim analysis of its phase 3 trial on April 20, the company had said that "safety and efficacy results from the final analysis will be available in June, and the final report will be submitted to a peer-reviewed publication."

In the April statement, the company had claimed that the vaccine has shown a 78% efficacy against preventing infection while efficacy against severe Covid-19 disease was 100%, with an impact on reduction in hospitalisations — after accruing 127 symptomatic cases. This efficacy was lower by 3% from the one claimed in another statement to the press, issued in early March, based on 87 symptomatic cases.

But a delay in sharing the final data is bothering many, since phase 3 trial data of all other approved Covid vaccines, including the Russian Sputnik V, were published within 4-6 weeks of interim analysis.

Also, Covaxin had been approved by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation for public use in "clinical trial mode" while still under efficacy trials on 25,800 people. "It is unusual to have such a delay, particularly when the second analysis was so close to the sample size of 130 symptomatic cases," said a top virologist who did not wish to be named.



A medic administers a dose of the Covid-19 vaccine to a man in Kolkata | PTI

Health systems and vaccine policy expert Chandrakant Lahariya said that while publication in a journal may take time, the company should at least release the findings on a pre-print server for medical science.

A recent comparative evaluation of immunogenicity responses to spike protein after the first and second doses of Covaxin and Covishield showed that the former may have lower immunogenicity.

Though some experts say that the low antibodies after Covaxin is expected, given that it is an inactivated virus based vaccine known for triggering cellular rather than just antibody response, they also reckon that these doubts can be put to rest only when data is out for independent researchers to see and analyse.

"It would be really useful to see published phase 3 results of Covaxin," said vaccinologist Shahid Jameel. "Peer reviewed publications are globally considered to be the best way of judging science, and it would be a tribute to India's vaccine effort. It will also help Covaxin to quickly get WHO qualification."

Amar Jesani, a bio ethics researcher and editor of the Indian Journal of Medical Ethics said he was surprised that the final data has not been submitted even to the regulator yet.

"This is particularly surprising because the regulator recently approved Covaxin trials for kids and adolescents aged 2-17 years who should not be subjected to any experiment until the vaccine's protection in adults is fully understood and analysed," he said.

Jesani minced no words in saying that Indian drug regulator has been lax in the case of Covaxin. "I think Bharat Biotech and ICMR are getting extraordinary privileges while science is taking a backseat. Such leniency would not have happened if this vaccine would have aimed to be marketed in developed countries," he said.

APPOINTMENT

Ahead of UP polls, ex-state chief secy is the new EC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

Former Uttar Pradesh chief secretary Anup Chandra Pandey took charge on Wednesday as an election commissioner. He will replace CEC Sunil Arora who demitted office in April.

Present Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Sushil Chandra and Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar are the other two members of the poll body.

The appointment of an Uttar Pradesh cadre officer gains significance as the state will hold Assembly polls next year along with Punjab, Goa, Manipur, and Uttarakhand.

Pandey superannuated as chief secretary, the government of Uttar Pradesh in August 2019. Prior to joining the Election Commission of India, Pandey had served as a member of the National Green Tribunal Oversight Committee, Uttar Pradesh.

Under his administrative leadership as chief secretary, the state successfully organised the Kumbh Mela at Prayagraj and Paravasi Bhartiya at Varnasi Diwas in 2019.

Earlier, Anup Chandra served as Industrial Development Commissioner of the state and successfully organized a mega Investor's Summit at Lucknow in 2018. He also introduced various policy reforms in the industries and business sector including single-window Nivesh Mitra Portal.

BJP leadership to meet three West Bengal MPs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

THREE BJP MPs from West Bengal—Nishith Pramanik, Arjun Singh and Saunitra Khan—arrived in New Delhi on Wednesday to meet the party's national leadership.

Nishith Pramanik

Arjun Singh

The three visited the national capital after West Bengal Leader of Opposition Suvendu Adhikari met Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP's national president JP Nadda and Union Home Minister Amit Shah this week. Sources in the BJP said the three MPs were asked to visit Delhi as the BJP's high-command wants to take stock of the election loss in West Bengal and the post-poll situation in the state.

"Pramanik, the Cooch Behar MP, will be asked to explain why the saffron camp failed to retain its performance in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections in north Bengal in the recent Assembly elections.

Singh is also expected to elaborate the reason behind the BJP's debacle in his own LS constituency," said a BJP leader. Sarkar, however, was asked to visit Delhi as the party did not perform up to its expectation in the belt dominated by Matuas, a Hindu religious sect comprising refugees from Bangladesh.

EXPRESS READ

Five Cong MPs repose faith in Amarinder

Chandigarh: Amid infighting in the Punjab Congress, five party MPs on Wednesday reposed faith in the leadership of Chief Minister Amarinder Singh, saying that people want him to continue as the chief minister. The MPs called upon the chief minister to discuss the party's poll strategy for the 2022 elections.

Gupkar Alliance holds meet on J&K situation

Srinagar: In its first meeting in six months, the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration on Wednesday said it has kept all its 'options' open in the struggle for the restoration of special status to Jammu and Kashmir. "We have not closed any options. We will discuss it as and when they invite us (for talks)," PAGD chairman Farooq Abdullah told reporters.

Saffron camp hopes to gain from weakening of Cong

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PRASADA, a Brahmin, had represented Shahjahanpur (2004) and Dhurara (2009) Lok Sabha constituencies.

With the Congress hoping to wean away the Brahmin constituency in UP in the forthcoming Assembly elections, Prasada could help stem the erosion in the BJP's vote bank. While Prasada may have lost much of the political turf on his home ground due to the Congress' marginalisation in Uttar Pradesh, the BJP hopes to gain from the weakening of the main Opposition party in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana and Maharashtra to keep its 2024 script intact. The Himanta Biswa Sarma experiment in Assam has already handed the BJP a fall back option to beat anti-incumbency by creating a talent drought in the Congress.

The BJP will also hope that Rajasthan Congress leader Sachin Pilot is able to turn rebellious again with enough strength to hand over power in the state to the party.

With the BJP's own house in Rajasthan not in order, an "outside help" can be of strategic interest for the party's top brass to reset the equations in the state, remarked a key BJP strategist.

Uddhav meets PM, says values ties with Modi

Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray has always maintained a positive relationship with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, even after his party left the alliance with the BJP and formed a government with Congress and NCP. Though Uddav has in the past criticised BJP leader Amit Shah, he has carefully avoided training his guns on Modi. Recently Uddhav met the PM. "Today, politically we are not with them (BJP) but that does not mean our relationship has ended," Thackeray told the media after his meeting with the Prime Minister.

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MUMBAI DIARY

Maharashtra begins unlock in phases

The Mumbai model of fighting the pandemic has raked in praises. Now with the cases falling, the government has issued orders to begin the process of unlocking the economy. The unlock will be implemented in a phased manner. There are five levels. Eighteen districts come under level one where all economic activity—essential and non-essential—will be permitted. Mumbai has come under level three, where some non-essential activities are permitted, but for limited durations. To come under level one, a district or municipal corporation should have a positivity rate of less than 5% and an oxygenated bed occupancy rate of not more than 25%. Districts that have an oxygenated bed occupancy rate of 25-40% and a test positivity rate of 5% will come under level two.

Uddhav asks PM to push governor on MLC appointments

Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshayri has been sitting on the file recommending 12 names for appointment as Member of Legislative Council in the past six months. Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray in his meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi raised this issue and requested him to intervene and solve the issue. It was told that the governor has raised objections over the inclusion of political leaders like Eknath Khadse and Sachin Sawant in the list, saying the 12 members must be from art, literature, culture etc.

Bureaucrat's sudden transfer raises eyebrows

The 2003 batch IAS officer Sanjeev Jaiswal, who was serving as the additional municipal commissioner of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation recently got transferred and is now posted as the managing director of the Maharashtra State Fisheries Development Corporation, Mumbai. The transfer has raised many eyebrows. Jaiswal was appointed as the additional municipal commissioner (AMC) only a year ago by Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray. Long before his three-year term as AMC was to end, he was suddenly moved to a less significant post, despite him having maintained an excellent track record.

US Senate green-lights $170bn innovation bill to counter China

The package will help American industry bolster its capacity and improve technology

WASHINGTON

THE US Senate passed a sweeping industrial policy bill Tuesday aimed at countering the surging economic threat from rival China, overcoming partisan divisions to support pumping more than $170 billion into research and development.

With both American political parties increasingly worried about competition from Asia's largest power, the measure cleared the chamber on a 68-32 vote, one of the most significant bipartisan achievements in Congress since Joe Biden's presidency began in January.

It also represents the largest investment in scientific research and technological innovation "in generations," according to Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer.

The bill now heads to the House of Representatives, which earlier passed a different version. The two will have to be reconciled into a single bill before it is sent to the White House for the president's signature.

Biden said he was "encouraged" by the Senate's passage of the United States Innovation and Competition Act. "We are in a competition to win the 21st century, and the starting gun has gone off," Biden said.

"As other countries continue to invest in their own research and development, we cannot risk falling behind. America must maintain its position as the most innovative and productive nation on Earth."

The package, a key provision of which addresses a shortage of semiconductors that has slowed US auto production this year, will help US industry bolster its capacity and improve technology.

It is seen as crucial for US efforts to avoid being out-maneuvered by Beijing as the adversaries compete in the race to technological innovation.

"Today, the Senate took a critical bipartisan step forward to make the investments we need to continue America's legacy as a global leader in innovation," US Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo said in a statement.

The proposal aims to address a number of technological areas in which the United States has fallen behind its Chinese competitors. The bill allocates $52 billion in funding for a previously approved plan to increase domestic manufacturing of semiconductors.

It also authorizes $120 billion over five years for activities at the National Science Foundation to advance priorities including research and development in key areas like artificial intelligence (AI) and quantum science. And it facilitates tie-ups between private firms and research universities. AFP

US President Joe Biden boards Air Force One at Andrews Air Force Base before departing for the UK and Europe in Maryland on Wednesday | AFP

China accuses US of 'paranoid delusion'

Beijing: China on Wednesday accused Washington of "paranoid delusion" after the US Senate passed a sweeping industrial policy bill aimed at countering the surging economic threat from China. The foreign affairs committee of China's top legislature called the bill an attempt to interfere in the country's internal affairs and deprive it of its "legitimate right to development through technology and economic decoupling", state media reported.

White House drops Trump orders to ban TikTok, WeChat

WASHINGTON

The White House has dropped Trump-era executive orders that attempted to ban the popular apps TikTok and WeChat and will conduct its own review aimed at identifying national security risks with software applications tied to China, officials said Wednesday.

A new executive order directs the Commerce Department to undertake what officials describe as an "evidence-based" analysis of transactions involving apps that are manufactured or supplied or controlled by China. Officials are particularly concerned about apps that collect users' personal data.

The department also will make recommendations on how to further protect Americans' genetic and personal health information, and will address the risks of certain software apps connected to China or other adversaries.

The Biden administration's move reflects the ongoing concern that Americans' personal data could be exposed by popular apps tied to China, a chief U.S. economic and political rival. AP

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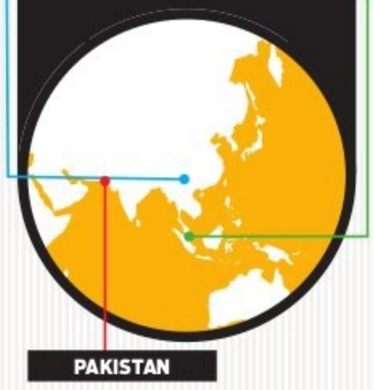

MONGOLIA

Mongolians head to polls in Covid-curbed election

Ulaanbaatar: Mongolians went to the polls on Wednesday to vote for the country's next president, in the nation's third election to take place in the shadow of the coronavirus pandemic. Polls opened at 7am local time in the vast central Asian democracy, in an election hampered by social distancing, cancelled presidential debates and one candidate catching Covid. Voters are choosing a replacement for current president and populist businessman Battulga Khaltmaa, a former world champion in the Soviet-era martial art of sambo who cannot run for a second term under constitutional rules. There are around two million eligible voters in the landlocked country between China and Russia, where political instability has been a constant problem for the young democracy. The nation passed its first constitution in 1992 after decades of communist rule. AFP

PAKISTAN

Faulty carriage link blamed for deadly train crash

Lahore: A train that derailed into the path of another oncoming passenger express began its journey despite a faulty carriage link, Pakistan's railway minister said on Wednesday. The accident has reignited debate about the parlous state of Pakistan's public transport system, particularly a rail network that has seen little investment in decades. "The buffer joint of coach number 10 of Millat Express was faulty and bolts were also loose that led to derailment," Azam Swati told a press conference in Lahore. AFP

SINGAPORE

Housewife detained for supporting IS

Singapore: A 34-year-old Singaporean housewife has been detained under the tough Internal Security Act (ISA) after an "escalation" in her radical behaviour and persistently communicating online with overseas supporters of the Islamic State terror group. Ruqayyah Ramli, formerly a part-time freelance religious teacher, was previously issued with a restriction order after she was found to have been radicalised by her Malaysian husband, Mohd Firdaus Kamal Intdzam, who was arrested and repatriated from Singapore in August last year for supporting the IS. Ruqayyah was placed on a restriction order. Since then, her radical behaviour and involvement in "activities prejudicial to Singapore's security" have escalated. "She continues to support IS' violent actions and believes in the use of violence against the 'enemies' of Islam." PTI

PARLIAMENT DISSOLUTION CASE

Show cause notice to Nepal prez, PM

KATHMANDU

NEPAL'S Supreme Court on Wednesday issued a show cause notice to the Office of the President, the Office of the Prime Minister and the Council of Ministers on the dissolution of the House of Representatives and sought a reply within 15 days. President Bidya Devi Bhandari, at the recommendation of Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli, had dissolved the House for the second time in five months on May 22 and announced snap elections on November 12 and November 19.

Prime Minister Oli is heading a minority government after losing a trust vote in the House.The five member constitutional bench, headed by Chief Justice Cholendra Shumsher Rana, has sought clarification from the defendants, according to sources in the Supreme Court.

The proceedings of the politically significant case, which had been disrupted since Sunday, finally resumed on Wednesday.

It has been learnt that regular hearings on the case will resume from June 23 after the completion of 15-day deadline provided by the court to the defendants to submit their clarification.The chief justice formed a five-member Constitutional Bench on Sunday on the basis of seniority to conduct a hearing on dissolution of the House. PTI

UK slams students for ditching 'colonial' queen portrait

LONDON

THE UK government has criticised graduate students at the University of Oxford who removed a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II, claiming it represented a colonial past that many found offensive.

The move comes as students across the country have played a leading role in protests against historical figures with links to the British empire or slavery.

The queen "has become the latest victim of cancel culture", or ostracism of those whose opinions are deemed unacceptable, the right-leaning Daily Telegraph wrote on Wednesday.

Graduate students at Magdalen College took down the colourised print of the queen from their recreation room after a majority vote, because "for some students, depictions of the monarch and the British monarchy represent recent colonial history", The Times reported.

Education Secretary Gavin Williamson reacted angrily Tuesday night, calling the move "simply absurd".

"She is the head of state and a symbol of what is best about the UK," he tweeted.

Hanging portraits of the queen is not customary in state educational institutions, but some colleges at Cambridge and Oxford universities have portraits on display. AFP

Russian court mulls motion to outlaw Navalny's forums

MOSCOW

A MOSCOW court on Wednesday is considering a request by prosecutors to outlaw the organisations founded by Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny ' part of authorities' efforts to muzzle critics ahead of a crucial parliamentary election in September.

The Moscow City Court is expected to grant the request to designate Navalny's Foundation for Fighting Corruption and his sprawling network of regional offices across Russia as extremist organisations. In conjunction with a new law, the ruling would bar people associated with the groups from running for public office, derailing hopes by Navalny's allies to seek parliament seats. The extremism label also could potentially carry prison terms for activists who have worked with the organisations, anyone who donated to them, and those who simply shared the groups' materials. Navalny's offices in dozens of regions already shut down in April after the prosecutors issued an injunction to suspend their activities pending the court's ruling. AP

South Korea building collapse kills 9, injures 8

SEOUL

A FIVE-STOREY building being demolished in southern South Korea collapsed on Wednesday, sending debris falling on a bus and killing nine people on board, officials said. Concrete from the collapsed building in the southern city of Gwangju fell on the bus carrying 17 people which had stopped on a nearby street, the National Fire Agency said.

Emergency officers dispatched to the site rescued eight people from the bus, all seriously injured, before discovering nine bodies, the agency said in a statement. Fire officer Kim Seok-sun said in a televised briefing from the site that all workers at the building site had evacuated before its collapse. He said some of the workers told investigators that they had closed a pedestrian walkway near the building before the collapse. AP

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Short Tender notice of e-Tender Enquiry for selection of Executing Agency for Establishment of APEDA/MOFFPI Approved Pack House for Export of Fruits and Vegetable at Agriculture Research Institute, Mithapur, Patna, Bihar.

The Government of Bihar wants to establish APEDA/MOFFPI Approved Pack House for Export of Fruits and Vegetable at Agriculture Research Institute, Mithapur, Patna, Bihar. Towards this, the Bihar Horticulture Development society (BHDS) invites e-tender under two bid system (Technical & Financial) from reputed National/International organisation. The selected firm will be responsible for setting up thePack House for Export of Fruits and Vegetable at Agriculture Research Institute, Mithapur, Patna, Bihar. as mentioned in the bid documents.

Quotation forms including terms and condition, specification and quantity is available on website: **horticulture.bihar.gov.in**. Applicants may submit/upload their tender along with all required documents for technical qualification through the online portal. Financial proposals should also be proposed on that portal in prescribed form separately.

It will be mandatory for the applicants to submit demand draft of EMD and tender document cost in original drawn in favour of "**Mission Director, Bihar Horticulture Development Society**" payable at Patna to BHDS official address mentioned above on or before the time of opening date of tender for technical evaluation. It will also be necessary for the successful applicants to submit all the uploaded documents in original for verification, only if asked by the BHDS.

Proposal can only be submitted/uploaded through online e-tender on website: **or** https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/**BELTRON**

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3.	Pre-bid meeting	22.06.2021 (12:00 Hrs.)
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5.	Date and time of Technical bid opening	05.07.2021 (15:00 Hrs.)
6.	Date and time of Financial bid opening	To be intimated to technically successful bidder only
7.	Nodal officer/Contact person for queries	Dr. Ajay Kumar, Deputy Director Horticulture Mobile No. : 9431818925
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Mission Director, Bihar Horticulture Development Society, Patna reserves the right to revise/change/cancel the Tender without assigning any reasons thereof.
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India may move to classify Bitcoin as an asset class

Committee expected to place draft proposal before Cabinet soon

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

AFTER El Salvador's historic move to adopt Bitcoin as legal tender (rendering it full currency status), things are looking brighter back home in India for crypto-enthusiasts. Top sources tracking the industry told this publication that the government has moved away from its earlier hostile stance towards virtual currencies and will most likely classify Bitcoin as an asset class in India soon. Market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) will oversee regulations for the cyptocurrency sector after Bitcoin's classification as an asset class, sources added.

India's crypto industry is also in talks with the finance ministry regarding the formulation of a new set of regulations and industry sources point out that an expert panel at the ministry is studying the matter. A Cryptocurrency Regulation bill is likely to be tabled in the Parliament during the Monsoon session, the added.

The development comes days after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), in a circular, directed banks to stop avoiding transactions involving virtual tokens citing its earlier 2018 circular, since it had been quashed by the Supreme Court. RBI Governor Shakthikanta Das, however, reiterated that there were still major concerns that have been communicated to the government on digital currencies.

"We can definitely say that the new committee which is working on cryptocurrencies is very optimistic on cryptocurrency regulation and legislation... A new draft proposal will soon be in the Cabinet, which will look into the overall scenario and take the best step forward. We are very hopeful that the government will embrace cryptocurrencies and blockchain technologies," Ketan Surana, Director and chief financial officer, Coinsbit, and Member, Internet and Mobile Association of India said.

A white paper by Indiatech.org suggests that India's adoption of Bitcoin as an alternative asset class is more realistic. Due to the volatile nature of digital currencies (prices fluctuate widely on a daily basis), it pointed, they cannot be regularly used as a payment instrument. The paper also recommended taxing investments in cryptocurrencies, making them subject to the capital gains tax under the Income Tax Act.

Hitesh Malviya, blockchain and crypto investment expert, said, "In my opinion, the Indian government will explore a way to regularise Bitcoin. I don't think India will consider accepting Bitcoin as a legal tender in the near future because it will affect the position of the Indian rupee. Accepting bitcoin as a legal tender is a good idea for those nations who don't have their own currency or are dependent on the US dollar".

$2 tn — Global crypto market cap
190% — rise in global crypto users 2018-2020
200 mn — crypto users worldwide
5,000 — digital assets exist globally

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Ketan Surana, member, IAMAI

LPG SUBSIDIES CUT STEEPLY IN FY21, DOWN TO NIL FOR MANY

JONATHAN ANANDA @ Chennai

NOT only have taxes on auto fuels been hiked massively over the past year, direct benefit transfers (DBT) of cooking gas subsidies have been reduced to nil for many domestic LPG subscribers not covered by the PM Ujjwala Yojana scheme. The result has been a steady increase in daily costs for low- and middle-income Indian households as global oil and gas prices recovered to, and now climb past, pre-pandemic levels.

In March 2020, a 14.2-kg LPG cylinder had cost ₹825.5 for unsubsidised customers in Chennai; those eligible received DBT subsidies of around ₹231 per cylinder. By May 2020, diving oil prices had pulled the price of an unsubsidised cylinder down to around ₹600, and the government brought standard DBT LPG (DBTL) subsidies to zero—the rationale being that market prices were now at par with the previous subsidised rate.

Now, with oil back above the $70 per barrel mark, the price of an unsubsidised cylinder has recovered to over ₹800 again. But since no commensurate increase has been made in DBTL rates, the price of a subsidised cylinder has climbed over ₹800 too.

Oil company officials who spoke on condition of anonymity say that apart from PMUY beneficiaries, DBTL subsidies have been paid only to customers in distant locations from major LPG hubs since last summer. These transfers, made in order to account for higher freight costs, stand at only a few tens of rupees per cylinder at the most.

The most recent data updates from the petroleum ministry's Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC) show, in fact, that the basic DBTL subsidy per cylinder has remained nil since May 2020, when it had been reduced to zero from April 2020's ₹162.43 per cylinder.

India has around 28 crore domestic LPG customers, of which over 8 crore come under the PMUY scheme. Starting 2015, 1.5 crore customers with annual incomes of over ₹10 lakh lost their eligibility for subsidies. The rest of the over 18 crore currently eligible have likely been impacted by the cuts.

Subsidy... increase/decrease with the increase/decrease in the product price in the international market and decision of the Government on subsidy

Parliament reply of Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister of Petroleum

Savings for Govt

On the other hand, the move has resulted in cost savings for the government, even considering the DBT payments made to PMUY beneficiaries under the PM Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) scheme announced last summer as a pandemic relief measure. The PMGKY scheme granted PMUY beneficiaries 3 free LPG cylinder refills last year, with the government transferring this amount directly to eligible accounts.

In the first 11 months of FY21, PPAC data shows that DBTL subsidy payments stood at just ₹3,559 crore—far lower than the ₹22,635 crore paid during FY20 (April 2019-March 2020). The PMGKY component paid to PMUY beneficiaries, stands at ₹8,162 crore as of the end of December 2020.

Going forward, it is unlikely that DBTL payments will be increased substantially, if at all, since the budgeted allocation for petroleum subsidies for the current fiscal has been slashed to just ₹14,073 crore, from last year's budgeted ₹40,915 crore.

HEAVY BURDEN: SUBSIDIES HIT ROCK BOTTOM

FY21 Petroleum Subsidies up to February (in Rs cr)

Particulars	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	TOTAL
Total DBT LPG subsidy*	2,573	445	345	196	3,559
PMUY**	-1	-8	-4	-22	-34
Natural Gas Subsidy for North East	100	97	74	65	336
PMGKY***	6,227	1,656	279	NA	8,162

Historical subsidies on Petroleum Products (in Rs cr)

Particulars	FY18	FY19	FY20 (P)	FY21 (Upto Dec/Feb)
DBTL subsidy*	20,880	31,447	22,635	3,559
PMUY**	2,496	5,636	1,403	-34
Natural Gas Subsidy for North East	435	557	574	336
PMGKY***	-	-	-	8,162
Total expenditure on Subsidies and Underecoveries	28,684	43,814	26,620	12,231

Notes:
* Q4FY21 includes claim for January and February 2021 only.
** The amount in Q4FY21 are net of dupicate connection deductions from total claims.
*** PMGKY figures are upto December 2020; NA-Data not available

Source: Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell, Ministry of Petroleum

CCEA gives approval for project to revive RFCL

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved a proposal for the revival of Ramagundam Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd (RFCL) in an effort to boost the indigenous production of gas-based urea and help achieve self-sufficiency by improving availability of fertilisers.

The cost of the RFCL urea project is ₹6,165.06 crore. The state-of-the-art gas-based RFCL plant is part of the initiative taken by the government to revive the closed urea units of FCIL/HFCL in order to achieve self sufficiency in urea sector.

"It will be one of the largest fertilizer manufacturing units of South India. The project shall not only improve the availability of fertilizer to farmers but also give a boost to the economy in the region including development of infrastructure like roads, railways, ancillary industry etc. besides ensuring food security to the nation," a statement from the Cabinet Secretariat said.

The note added that facility is aimed at meeting the demand for urea in Telangana as well as other Southern and central states of India, such as Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Chattisgarh, Maharashtra, etc. The urea produced at RFCL shall be marketed by National Fertilizers. RFCL is a Joint Venture of National Fertilizers (NFL), Engineers India (EIL) and Fertilizers Corp of India (FCIL).

Pvt airport operators in precarious situation, seek relief from Govt

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

PRIVATE airport operators are seeking immediate financial assistance from the government in order to sustain operations and prevent job losses in the sector. Airports are currently not generating sufficient cash flows to sustain operations and meet their debt obligations. Poor cash flows and, consequently, downgraded credit ratings have made it impossible for airports to take further financing support from financial institutions, said Association of Private Airport Operators (APAO) whose members include operators of Delhi, Mumbai, Lucknow, Hyderabad and Bangalore airport.

All these airports are run by big names such as the Adani Group and GMR Group.

"As the cash flow situation is precarious, airports have been requesting the government amidst an extremely challenging environment to provide some relief measures to the airport operators which will directly alleviate the financial burden for airports. Relief measures are required not only to ensure sustaining operations at airports, but also needed to save jobs and allow economic recovery of the airport sector," said APAO on Wednesday.

This cry for help comes even as airports are accused of raising fees in recent times. Last week, a controversy erupted when Adani Group reportedly raised charges, by as much as 10 times, including turnaround charges of international flights and private jets at Lucknow airport. Adani later revoked the charges, saying they were levied by the ground-handling company.

The association said that while the first wave of the pandemic had wiped out traffic in FY21, denting the financials of the airports, the onset of the second wave has further compounded the crisis since domestic passenger traffic has dropped to less than 18-25 per cent of pre-Covid levels.

Furthermore, international traffic, which is invariably the high-yield segment for airports, has been suspended for the last 14 months and there is no sign that scheduled, usual, operations will be resumed in the near future.

$2.5 bn deal with US-based Tellurian now off the table for Petronet LNG

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

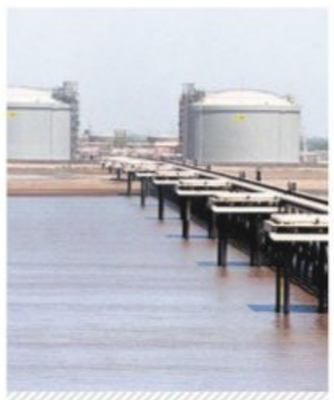
LIQUEFIED natural gas major Petronet LNG said on Monday that a non-binding agreement it had signed with US energy firm Tellurian, under which it was to invest $2.5 billion in the latter's Louisiana LNG terminal project in exchange of 40 years of gas supplies, has lapsed. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) had been signed during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Houston, Texas, in 2019.

According to Petronet Managing Director & CEO A K Singh, Petronet has now opened discussions with alternate suppliers such as Qatar for natural gas supplies. Petronet's current long-term deal to import 7.5 million tonnes per annum of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from Qatar ends in March 2028, and the company has time till December 2023, to decide on extending it. Singh was speaking to reporters during a video press conference on its FY21 performance.

Petronet recorded consolidated net sales of ₹7,575.32 crore in the quarter ended March 2021, down 11.58 per cent from ₹ 8,567.15 crore in March 2020. Quarterly net profit stood at ₹637.92 crore, up 71 per cent from ₹373.20 crore last year.

The MoU with Tellurian had envisioned an annual purchase of up to five million tonnes of LNG from the proposed Driftwood LNG terminal for 40 years. In parallel, Petronet was to make an equity investment of $2.5 billion for an 18 per cent stake in Driftwood.

However, "the MoU was not extended," Singh said, without divulging further details. The transaction had initially been slated for completion in March 2020, but was first extended to May 31, 2020, and then to December 31, 2020. "We did not get a request from their (Tellurian's) side for an extension," Singh said. He also said that gas demand in India, severely impacted by lockdowns, is likely to bounce back this fiscal.



We are in discussions with suppliers like Qatar for additional LNG volumes. Petronet is expanding the capacity of Dahej LNG terminal by 5 million tonnes, planning a new east coast terminal...

A K Singh, CEO & MD, Petronet LNG

EXPRESS READ

CBI case against Thapar, two group cos

New Delhi: The Central Bureau of Investigation has registered a case on complaints filed by Yes Bank against industrialist Guatam Thapar and two of his companies—Avantha Realty and Oyster Buildwell—on charges of committing ₹466-cr loan fraud.

Hospitality industry representatives seek urgent relief measures for sector

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

MEMBERS of the Federation of Hotel & Restaurant Associations of India (FHRAI) met union tourism minister Prahlad Singh Patel and MSME minister Nitin Gadkari to seek immediate measures to save the sector from collapse.

The body estimates that 40 per cent of hotels and restaurants in India have shut down permanently due to financial losses, and about 20 per cent haven't opened up fully since the first lockdown. The remaining 40 per cent continue to see losses. "The pandemic has devastated the hospitality sector, businesses are steadily closing and NPAs are rising," said Gurbaxish Singh Kohli, Vice President, FHRAI on Wednesday. To note, Hyatt Hotels Corporation on Monday announced that it was suspending operations at Hyatt Regency hotel in Mumbai 'until further notice' due to a shortage of funds.

According to FHRAI, the industry's total revenue in FY 2019-20 stood at ₹1.82 lakh crore and, in FY2020-21, approximately 75 per cent, or ₹1.30 lakh crore, was wiped off due to the Covid-19 lockdowns. The total loan outstanding to the hospitality industry is over ₹60,000 crore today, it added.

Our recommendations include complete waiver of interest on loans beginning March 2020 till business normalcy resumes

Gurbaxish Singh Kohli, Vice President, FHRAI

The body suggested bringing the tenor of the Emergency Credit Line Guarentee Schemes at par with the tenor of ECLGS 3.0, and the provisioning of additional funds. It also sought the removal of the ₹50 crore cap under the special restructuring window for stressed companies.

Kohli said, "Our recommendations include complete waiver of interest on loans beginning March 2020 till business normalcy resumes, provision of a moratorium of three years on the principal loan amount, working capital support at interest on fixed deposit rate plus 2 per cent or MCLR rate, urgent release of SEIS pending payments, removal of secondary condition in EPCG and introduction of a long term financing scheme for at least 10 years backed with a guarantee from RBI." Last week, the RBI had announced a ₹15,000 crore liquidity window for the tourism and hospitality sectors.

Tablez to rebrand Toys"R"Us, launch 6 new stores

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

ABU DHABI-based retail giant Lulu Group's subsidiary, Tablez, announced on Wednesday that it is rebranding its existing toy store chain Toys"R"Us across India and opening six more outlets by the first quarter of 2022. Tablez had entered into a strategic partnership with US-based toy manufacturer Toys"R"Us in 2017 to launch the brand in Indian markets. Tablez said on Wednesday, however, that it will rebrand the chain with the launch of a proprietary toy retail brand.

The announcement comes a day after Walmart-backed Flipkart's B2B arm said that it will sell Toys"R"Us and Babies"R"Us brands on its platform by entering into a partnership with WHP Global, the controlling shareholder of Toys"R"Us.

Adeeb Ahamed, MD of Tablez India, said that the company has invested over ₹300 crore in the Indian retail market so far. "We are especially bullish about the prospects of India's toy sector and will be furthering our investments in the sector," he added.

Tablez currently owns 15 toy stores housing products from major international toy brands, in malls located in Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru, Ghaziabad, Pune, and Chennai. Ahamed said that the launch of the proprietary brand gives us the company space and flexibility to adapt to emerging market demand. "The Indian toy market is evolving fast, and our investments into technology and user experience have enabled us to get a deeper understanding of the Indian consumer. Through our new stores and e-commerce channels, we aim to apply our learnings to build outlets that can double up as both shopping & entertainment avenues," he said.

New proprietary toy brand

- Tablez had entered into a strategic partnership with US-based manufacturer Toys"R"Us in 2017 to launch stores in India
- Tablez will now rebrand the chain via the launch of a new proprietary toy retail brand in the Indian market

Spain to vaccinate Euro 2020 team over virus worries

Spain's Euro 2020 squad is to be vaccinated against Covid-19 just days before the start of the tournament, the health ministry said on Wednesday after two players — captain Sergio Busquets and Diego Llorente — tested positive. The announcement came just hours after the team's management said it had set up a "parallel" squad of 17 reserves who may have to play if infections spread among its players.

Others will take over in time, says Chhetri

MARTIN JOSEPH @Kochi

FIVE seconds. Sunil Chhetri does not want you to spend more time than that while contemplating on the fact that he is now only behind Cristiano Ronaldo (103) and ahead of Lionel Messi (72) in the list of active footballers with the highest number of goals for their national teams.

Chhetri's double against Bangladesh on Monday took his tally for India to 74 and he is also now inside the top ten list of all-time top scorers. "What I'm proud of is that I have played over 100 matches for my country and I could score 74 goals. Till the last minute I'm playing for my country, I will keep working hard. When anyone sees those charts, be happy for five seconds as an Indian and that's about it because there is no comparison whatsoever (with Messi)," said Chhetri during a virtual interaction on Wednesday.

Chhetri's contribution to Indian football is there for all to see and it is next to impossible to capture it all in a few hundred words. One of the biggest talking points after the Bangladesh game was how Chhetri has been single-handedly shouldering India's goalscoring burdens, which was once again laid bare. When the question is put to the man himself, Chhetri delivers just like he has been doing countless times on a football field. "Do I think whether we are going to get a striker who is going to score better than me? Completely, yes. A lot of people ask, what happens after you? After me, there will be better players. It is the way evolution works. You have to believe that. I believe that," said Chhetri.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

RAFA & TOUGH

Nadal beats Schwartzman to reach record-extending 14th French Open semifinal

AFP @Paris

RAFAEL Nadal reached a record-extending 14th French Open semi-final on Wednesday with a 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 6-0 win over Diego Schwartzman.

Nadal, bidding for a 14th Roland Garros title and record 21st Major triumph, dropped his first set at the tournament since 2019 — ending a run of 36 consecutive sets won in Paris by the Spanish third seed.

The 35-year-old Nadal extended his incredible French Open record to 105 wins and two losses as he advanced to his 35th Grand Slam semifinal. He beat Argentine 10th seed Schwartzman in the last four of the 2020 edition.

Swiatek stunned

Maria Sakkari stunned defending champion Iga Swiatek to become the first Greek woman to reach a Grand Slam semifinal on Wednesday. World No 18 Sakkari triumphed 6-4, 6-4 over Polish eighth seed Swiatek and will face 33rd-ranked Barbora Krejcikova of the Czech Republic for a place in the final.

Thursday's other semifinal sees Russian 31st seed Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova tackle unseeded Tamara Zidansek of Slovenia. For the first time in the Open era, the French Open semifinals will feature four women who have never previously got this far at the Slams.

Rafael Nadal returns to Argentina's Diego Schwartzman in Paris on Wednesday | AP

RESULTS (QUARTERFINALS)

- **WOMEN:** Barbora Krejcikova (CZE) bt Coco Gauff (USA x24) 7-6 (6), 6-3; Maria Sakkari (GRE x17) bt Iga Swiatek (POL x8) 6-4, 6-4.
- **MEN:** Rafael Nadal (ESP x3) bt Diego Schwartzman (ARG x10) 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 6-0. Tuesday: Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE x5) bt Daniil Medvedev (RUS x2) 6-3, 7-6 (3), 7-5.

"I am speechless. It is a dream coming true. It's a very nice feeling and I could not have done it without my team and their support," said the 25-year-old Sakkari.

Tsitsipas beats Medvedev

Stefanos Tsitsipas beat Daniil Medvedev to reach his third consecutive Grand Slam semifinal at the French Open. The Greek fifth seed won 6-3, 7-6 (3), 7-5 and will face Germany's Alexander Zverev next..

EXPRESS READ

Kohli retains fifth spot in Test rankings

DUBAI: India captain Virat Kohli retained his fifth spot while teammates Rohit Sharma and Rishabh Pant were joint sixth in the latest ICC Test rankings for batsmen. The list headed by New Zealand captain Kane Williamson. In the Test bowling rankings,

Aruna awarded wild card entry for Paralympics

NEW DELHI: Aruna Tanwar has been awarded a wild card entry for the upcoming Tokyo Paralympic Games, which will make her the first Indian to compete in the global multi-para sport event, the national federation said on Wednesday.

Indian GP-4 for select athletes on June 21

INDRANEEL DAS @Chennai

AS expected, India elite athletes will not leave for competition in Kyrgyzstan and even Kazakhstan. The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) is still trying, but it looks unlikely. As reported by this daily, there was uncertainty over the trips because of logistical issue due to restrictions arising out of virus outbreak in India.

The AFI, not keen on 14-day quarantine and break the athletes' training regimen, felt prudent to not send the teams to Biskek. Instead, the AFI has announced the date for the Indian Grand Prix 4 in Patiala on June 21. It will be followed by interstate senior nationals on June 25-29. This means Indian athletes including shot putter Tajinder Pal Singh Toor, the 4x100m women's team would be looking to attain the Olympic qualifying standard during these meets.

AFI chief Adille Sumariwalla said they are trying for Kazakhstan. "We did not want to give 14-day break now. So we decided to not send them," he told this daily. The Indian GP would be a closed-door meet among select athletes. The AFI chief said because of restrictions and fear of exposing athletes to Covid, the federation would hold the meet only among the national campers in select events. Another reason is they don't want to open Patiala centre for outsiders. "We will focus on only those events where our athletes have already qualified or have a chance to qualify," he said.

The AFI president also said that the 4x400m men and women's relay would be held only during inter-state. "We have to wait for the final calendar but it would be held then."

Tajinder has dropped from 29 to 30 on Road to Tokyo list with the top-32 qualifying. With the season in most continents buzzing, there is real threat to his qualification chances if he doesn't attain the qualifying standard of 21.10m. The shot putter is injury-free and is expecting to throw his best in the next two meets before the qualification period ends on June 29. Besides Tajinder, the focus will be on the 4x100m women's relay.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Seeking clarity on foreign stars

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

EVEN as the top brass of the BCCI, which went on a recce tour to the United Arab Emirates to finalise the plans to resume the suspended 2021 IPL, is back in India, franchises are still waiting for clarity on the tournament. Although the BCCI has stated that IPL will resume in the gulf, it is yet to reveal the dates and there is uncertainty surrounding the availability of the overseas players.

It is understood that the BCCI wants to finish the IPL on October 15. But with the T20 World Cup also planning to start on the same weekend in the gulf region, the officials are understood to be in talks. With Friday being a closed holiday in the UAE, IPL wants to make use of the date as it plans to play the tournament in front of crowds. As a result, the BCCI and the ICC are under discussions over the starting date of the T20 World Cup, with October 16 being the likely date to commence the 16-team event.

The biggest challenge in front of the BCCI is with regards to the availability of overseas players.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

BIG GUNS TO WATCH

Here's a look at the teams who could delight the fans with some good football and enter business end of Euro 2020...

BELGIUM, COACH: ROBERTO MARTINEZ, FIFA RANKING: 1

There has been a lot of talk over Belgium's golden generation players, but they just have Euro 2016 quarterfinal finish and 2018 World Cup third place to show for their efforts. Can they go all the way this time? With players like Romelu Lukaku, Dries Mertens, Kevin De Bruyne and Eden Hazard in the mix, they have goals written all over them. If the bunch of individual talents get their act together as one unit they could be unstoppable.

FRANCE, COACH: DIDIER DESCHAMPS, FIFA RANKING: 2

Reigning world champions and Euro Cup runners-up France are always going to be one of the favourites for the title. If their big players, including Kylian Mbappe, Karim Benzema and Raphael Varane, among others, deliver the goods during the tournament, they could go all the way. However, it is not going to be a walk in the park for Deschamps' men, who have been pooled in group of death alongside Hungary, Portugal and Germany.

ENGLAND, COACH: GARETH SOUTHGATE, FIFA RANKING: 4

There are great expectations when England take to the pitch — Euro 2021 being no exception. With the quality and depth in all departments of the game, they have a solid squad, capable of ending their international title drought after their 1966 World Cup win. The big question is, will they? However, Gareth Southgate's major challenge will be to find a perfect balance in his playing XI.

PORTUGAL, COACH: FERNANDO SANTOS, FIFA RANKING: 5

Though Cristiano Ronaldo is central to everything Portugal display on the pitch, the defending champs are no longer a one-man team. The other talents like Joao Felix, Diogo Jota, Bernardo Silva, Bruno Fernandes and Ruben Dias has made the team look even more formidable. It won't be a surprise if they go all the way and defend the crown.

ITALY, COACH: ROBERTO MANCINI, FIFA RANKING: 7

After their darkest times in the sport — failing to qualify for World Cup 2018 — they have been a team on a mission under Roberto Mancini. More importantly, Italy's style has changed, playing an attacking brand of football. It has worked as Italy posted ten wins out of ten in the qualifying stages. They might not have superstars like other contenders but they will definitely be a tough team to beat.

'Can finish on podium in Oly'

ASHIM SUNAM @Bengaluru

AFTER winning a gold medal at the Asian Championships last month in Dubai, India boxer Pooja Rani (75 kg) made some last-minute changes in her plans.

She decided to spend some time with her family members soon after that trip. But after two days at home, the 30-year-old got back to business, returning to the Army Sports Institute in Pune with focus on the Olympics.

With the marquee event on the horizon, Rani is aware of the major competitors she could face in her weight category at Tokyo. Hence, she is spending some quality amount of time analysing the videos of her rivals, trying to assess their strengths and weaknesses.

Pooja has made winning a habit in recent times. But Tokyo is bound to be a different beast to tame. However, the Haryana pugilist is optimistic about her chances. "I feel that I can get to the podium, and for that training is important. It (training) is going well," said Rani.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆ

ಉಪ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಅರಣ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಜಾರಕ್ ಬಂಡೆ ಅರಣ್ಯ ವಸತಿ ಸಂಕೀರ್ಣ, ಜಾಲಹಳ್ಳಿ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560015. ದೂ.: 080–29900992.
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ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಎ1/ಬಿಯುಡಿ/ಟೆಂಡರ್.ಸಿಆರ್–01/2021–22 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09.06.2021

ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

2021–22ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಅರಣ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗದ ವಿವಿಧ ವಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಯೋಜನೆಗಳಡಿ ಹೊಸ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಾದ ಸಸಿಗಳನ್ನು ಬೆಳೆಸುವ ಹಾಗೂ ಮಾನ್‌ಸೂನ್ ನೆಡುತೋಪು ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳುವ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಅರಣ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಾಗಿ ಹೆಸರನ್ನು ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವಂತಹ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರುಗಳಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ (**https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**) ಮೂಲಕ ಮರು–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಮರು–ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **21.06.2021 ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 5:00 ಗಂಟೆ** ಹಾಗೂ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **22.06.2021 ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 5:00 ಗಂಟೆ**. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿನ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳು ಯಶಸ್ವಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದರೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **23.06.2021**ರ **ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 5:00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕ ಕೆಲಸಗಳ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಆಡಳಿತ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಥವಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

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Office of the Executive Engineer, Yettinahole Project Division No 4, Madhugiri. Tumkur Dist-572132, Karnataka State, Ph: 08137- 282112
E-mail: eeyetmadhugiri4@gmail.com
Tender Notification No: EE/YP/VJNL/DIV-04/YGC/TNIT-03/2021-22 Dated:08.06.2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
(Only through E-procurement system)

Tenders are invited through e-portal on behalf of Managing Director, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigama Ltd., Registered office, Bangalore by the undersigned for the works of
1) Construction of lift component including supply and laying of MS raising main from balancing reservoir upto Madeswara village, Dodaballapura Taluk and. 2) Supplying and laying of MS gravity pipe line from Madeswara village upto distribution chamber near Bullenahalli village, Devanahalli Taluk. from registered VJNL Contractors. The details of the tendered works such as calendar of events of tender, Amount put to tender/EMD amount/Qualification of bidders/ Tender Conditions etc., can be obtained through e-procurement portal www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in, Government of Karnataka.
Corrigendum/Addendum will be published in the e-portal website for all modifications or corrections if any. Any further information required may be obtained from the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
V.J.N.L, YHP Division No.4, Madhugiri.

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Competitive Tenders are invited for following. For more details please visit the E-Tendering Portal, https://etenders.kerala.gov.in or www.kmml.com

No.	Tender ID	Items
1.	2021_KMML_425492_1	For the supply of CS Pipe
2.	2021_KMML_423499_1	For the supply of CS Pipes

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3.	2021_KMML_425266_1	Design, Engineering, Manufacture, painting, testing at works, transportation to site, unloading and storage at site, erection, insurance, testing and commissioning of DCS for Liquid Nitrogen / Oxygen storage tanks & allied items at Titanium Dioxide Pigment unit of KMML on turnkey basis
4.	2021_KMML_425021_1	AMC for AC/FRP/Polymer/Metallic Sheet Roofing and Re-roofing work in Plant area-2021-22

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CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

No. KPCL/2021-22/PS/WORK_INDENT11043 Date: 07.06.2021

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement platform)

Tenders in Two Parts are invited for the work of **Supply, installation, testing and commissioning microprocessor based 0.2S class Energy meters having DLMS protocol for the MDPH Station Auxiliary System.** at an Estimated cost of Rs. 3,35,640/- Inclusive GST. The details of NIT & tender documents can also be seen on Gok e-portal **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. Last date for online submission of completed bids: **29.06.2021 upto 17:30 Hrs.** Date of opening of Part-I (Pre-qualification & technical bid): **01.07.2021 @10:00 Hrs.** & date of opening of Part-II (Price bid) of the successful qualified bidders: **03.07.2021 @10:00 Hrs.** Further details can be had from **The Executive Engineer (O&M) Mani, KPCL, Masthikatte - 577425, Hosanagara (T), Shivamogga (D), through Phone:08285-265222, Cell:9449598851,** e-mail:eeomkpcl@gmail.com, Website: www.karnatakapowar.com.

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
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CIN U85110KA1970SGC001919

No.KPCL/2021-22/PS/WORK_INDENT11036 Dated:09.06.2021

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (E-PROCUREMENT)

Item wise tender notification is invited from Class- II & above Contractors registered in KPCL, who have adequate financial resources, suitable construction equipment's and technical man power with sufficient past experience for **Annual maintenance of ADPH and its premises for the year 2021-22.** Approximate value of tender: **Rs. 49.19 Lakhs.** EMD: **Exempted as per GoK orders.** Contract period: **From date of issue of work order from 01.07.2021 to 31.03.2022 (Nine Months) and Extended up to One year depends on satisfactory performance.** Last date and time for submission of completed bids: **24.06.2021 up to 11.00 A.M.** Time and date of opening of cover- I: **25.06.2021 at 11.30 A.M.** Time and date of opening of cover- II: **25.06.2021 at 12.00 P.M. (if possible).** Further details Can be had from the Executive Engineer (Civil), KPCL, Almatti dam Power House, Post: Sitimani, Dist.: Bagalkot. Mobile no. **9449848138.**

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಇಲಾಖೆ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಚೇರಿ,
ಪಂ.ರಾ.ಇಂ. ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕೆ.ಆರ್.ನಗರ

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕಾಇಂ/ಪಂರಾಇಂವಿ/ಕೃರಾನ/ಎ.ಇ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/2021–22
ದಿನಾಂಕ: 03.06.2021

ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ರೀತ್ಯಾ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ – ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 03/2021–22 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 03.06.2021

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು K.W–1 /K.W–2/ K.W–3/ K.W–4 (ಸ್ಟಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್) ನಿಯಮಾನುಸಾರ ಹಾಗೂ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ನಿಯಮಗಳು G.O. No. FD 9 PCL 2004 Dt.06-08-2005 ಹಾಗೂ ಇತ್ತೀಚಿನ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್‌ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಸಪೋರ್ಟ್‌ಗಾಗಿ 1/1, ಸನ್‌ಬೀಮ್ ಬಿಲ್ಡಿಂಗ್, ಈಗಲ್ ಸ್ಟ್ರೀಟ್, ಲಾಂಗ್‌ಫೋರ್ಡ್ ರೋಡ್, ಲಾಂಗ್‌ಫೋರ್ಡ್ ಟೌನ್, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560025 ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 080–22485867, 080–22485927 ರಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಿದ ಅರ್ಹ (ಸಿವಿಲ್) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರುಗಳಿಂದ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್‌ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕೆ.ಆರ್.ನಗರ ರವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ವಿವಿಧ ಲೆಕ್ಕಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆಯ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು **ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

1) ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್–ಬಿ ಅಪ್ ಲೋಡ್ (Upload) ಮಾಡುವ ಅಂದಾಜು ದಿ: 08.06.2021ರ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 10.30 ಗಂಟೆಯಿಂದ. 2) ಪ್ರಿ ಬಿಡ್ ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್ ದಿನಾಂಕ (ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ): 21.06.2021ರ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ. 3) ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್–ಬಿನಲ್ಲಿ ದರ ನಮೂದಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿ: 25.06.2021ರ ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ವರೆಗೆ. 4) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿ: 26.06.2021ರ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.30 ಗಂಟೆಯಿಂದ. 5) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿ: 30.06.2021ರ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 10.30 ಗಂಟೆಯಿಂದ

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ವಿವರ

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ಪಿರಿಯಾಪಟ್ಟಣ	01
ಒಟ್ಟು	02

ಆನ್ ಲೈನ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ www.eproc.karnataka.gov.inನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವವರನ್ನು ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಲು ಕೋರಿದೆ. ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 08223–262228.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕೆ.ಆರ್.ನಗರ

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Karnataka Urban Water Supply & Drainage Board

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement Portal only)

Short Term Pre-Qualification Tender is invited for the work of **Providing Individual UGD HSC and sewer network in missed out and newly developed areas of Chikkamagaluru city** vide Tender No: KUWSDB/CE(MYS)/DCE-2/TA-1/AE-1/CKM-UGD HSC/ 421 Dtd:08.06.2021, with period for completion of works as 12 months including monsoon. The calendar of events are as follows. Last date of submission is on 23.06.2021 upto 17:00 Hours. Technical bids will be opened on 25.06.2021 after 17:30 Hours. Further details may be obtained through e procurement portal.
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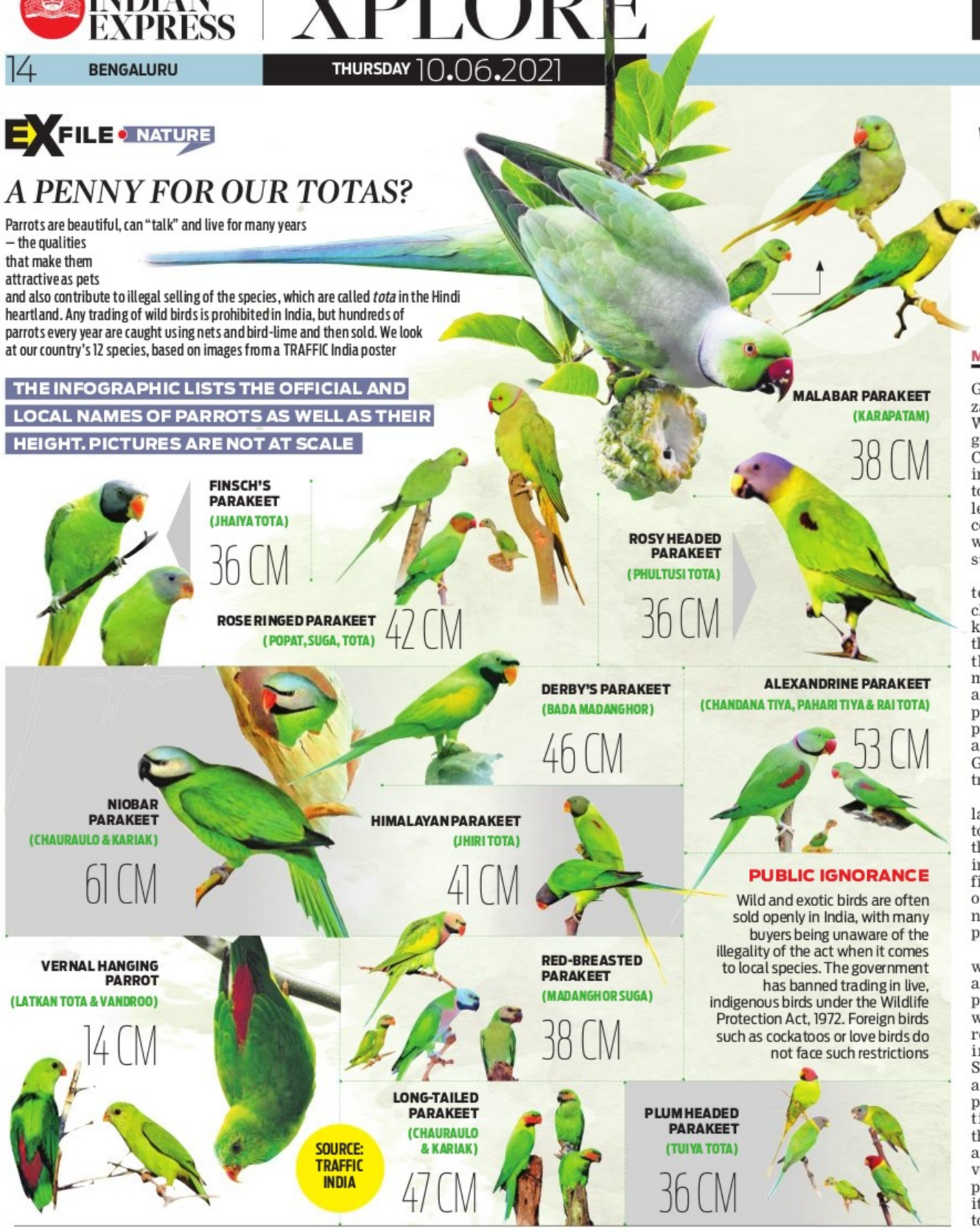
NASA's Juno spacecraft has provided the first close-ups of Jupiter's largest moon in two decades. Juno zoomed past icy Ganymede on Monday, passing within 1,038 kilometers. The last time a spacecraft came that close was in 2000 when NASA's Galileo spacecraft swept past our solar system's biggest moon. The pictures highlight the moon's crates and narrow features.

EXFILE • NATURE

A PENNY FOR OUR TOTAS?

Parrots are beautiful, can "talk" and live for many years – the qualities that make them attractive as pets and also contribute to illegal selling of the species, which are called *tota* in the Hindi heartland. Any trading of wild birds is prohibited in India, but hundreds of parrots every year are caught using nets and bird-lime and then sold. We look at our country's 12 species, based on images from a TRAFFIC India poster

THE INFOGRAPHIC LISTS THE OFFICIAL AND LOCAL NAMES OF PARROTS AS WELL AS THEIR HEIGHT. PICTURES ARE NOT AT SCALE



PUBLIC IGNORANCE

Wild and exotic birds are often sold openly in India, with many buyers being unaware of the illegality of the act when it comes to local species. The government has banned trading in live, indigenous birds under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. Foreign birds such as cockatoos or love birds do not face such restrictions

WTO talks intensify as Africa vax shipments grind to halt

Many countries, including Australia, Brazil and Canada, soften opposition to waivers on vaccine IP; Africa faces severe shortage

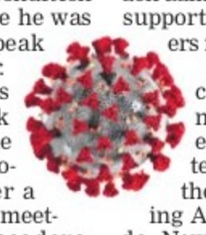
MEDICINE

GENEVA: World Trade Organization member nations agreed Wednesday to intensify talks geared at improving access to COVID-19 products, as developing nations push for a proposal to ease patents and other intellectual property protections for coronavirus vaccines and some wealthier countries remain stiffly opposed.

A WTO panel focusing on intellectual property, which includes patents on technological know-how like vaccines and the processes to manufacture them, wrapped up a two-day meeting on Wednesday with an agreement to start a "text-based process" for pulling together proposals to improve the fight against COVID-19 through the Geneva-based trade body's intricate system of rules.

The goal is to help jump-start lagging efforts to get vaccines to developing-world countries that badly need them, according to a Geneva-based trade official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly on the matter.

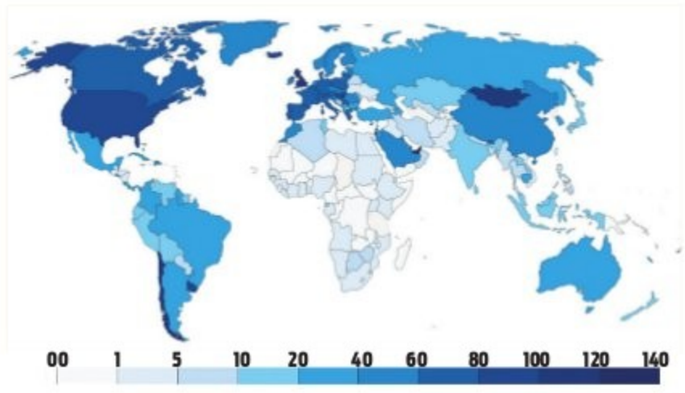
New, informal talks will start next week among members of the panel, with an eye toward pulling together a report for a July 21-22 meeting of WTO ambassadors. South Africa and India floated a proposal in the fall for a temporary easing of patent protections for COVID-19 vaccines, therapies and tests – known as an "IP waiver, While many developed countries with strong pharmaceutical industries hesitated or were outright opposed to the idea, the debate received a jolt last month when the Biden administration announced support for granting IP waivers for just vaccines.



Since Washington's change of stance, a number of other Western countries have softened their opposition to the the waivers, including Australia, Brazil, Canada, New Zealand and Norway, the trade official said, relaying information from deliberations in the closed-door WTO talks held Tuesday and Wednesday.

STARK INEQUALITY

Covid-19 vaccine doses administered per 100 people



Severe shortages

In the global race to vaccinate people against Covid-19, Africa is tragically at the back of the pack. In fact, it has barely gotten out of the starting blocks. In South Africa, which has the continent's most robust economy and its biggest coronavirus caseload, just 0.8% of the population is fully vaccinated. And hundreds of thousands of the country's health workers are still waiting for their shots.

The WHO says the continent of 1.3 billion people is facing a severe shortage of vaccine at the same time a new wave of infections is rising across Africa. Vaccine shipments into Africa have ground to a "near halt," WHO said last week.

"It is extremely concerning and at times frustrating," said Africa CDC Director Dr. John Nkengasong, a Cameroonian virologist who is trying to ensure some of the world's poorest nations get a fair share of vaccines in a marketplace where they can't compete.

"People are dying. Time is against us. This IS INSANE," South African human rights lawyer Fatima Hasan, an activist for equal access to health care, wrote to *The AP*.

Study sounds alarm on superbugs found in travellers' guts

RESEARCH

WASHINGTON: Newly vaccinated travelers enjoying a return to trips abroad may find a drug-resistant "superbug" hitching a ride in their gut, a study in *Genome Medicine* says. US and Dutch researchers studying the effects of travel on the bacteria in our stomachs were unnerved to find that a third of their subjects who travelled to Southeast Asia carried a bacterial gene resistant to "last resort" antibiotics for infections such as pneumonia and meningitis.

"These findings provide strong support that international travel risks spreading antimicrobial resistance globally," said Alaric D'Souza, a researcher studying microbial genomics and ecology at the Washington University School of Medicine in St Louis who co-authored the study published this week.

The team, which studied the feces of 190 Dutch travelers before and after travel to parts of Africa and Asia, found international travelers to be "reservoirs and spreaders" of drug-resistant superbugs.

When the travelers returned home, their fecal test kits revealed a "significant amount" of antimicrobial resistant, or AMR, genes that do not respond to commonly used antibiotics.

The genes of these drug-resistant "superbugs" usually develop naturally over millennia when exposed to antibiotics produced by other bacteria in their environment.

But the overuse of antibiotics by humans for medical and agricultural purposes is accelerating this process.

The study warns this trend threatens 70 years of progress in treating infectious diseases caused by bacteria.

Researchers found the resistant genes were "destination-specific," with certain types localized to specific regions.

They expressed the most concern about travelers in their study who returned from Southeast Asia with the mcr-1 gene, which resists colistin, an antibiotic used when other drug therapies fail.

Huge thermosolar plant opens in Chile

CLIMATE

SANTIAGO: Chile on Tuesday inaugurated Latin America's first-ever thermosolar energy plant, a vast complex dubbed Cerro Dominador in the Atacama desert that gives a boost to the country's quest for carbon-neutrality by 2050.

In an area exceeding 700 hectares, 10,600 mirrors surround a 250-meter-high tower topped with a receiver onto which the Sun's rays are reflected.

Molten salts in the receiver absorb the heat and are then used to generate electricity -- up to 110 megawatts -- by means of a steam turbine.

Combined with an adjacent photovoltaic plant, the Cerro Dominador complex is capable of producing 210 megawatts of renewable energy.

A feature of the project is that the salts can store energy for up to 17.5 hours, allowing the system to continue operating without direct sunlight, and for 24 hours per day, its operators say.

"It will allow us to save more than 600,000 tons of CO_2 emissions per year. That is equivalent to what 300,000 cars emit in a year," Chilean President Sebastian Pinera said at the inauguration event.

Construction of the Cerro Dominador project started in 2014 in the middle of the Atacama desert, some 3,000 meters above sea level in Chile's warm, dry and sunny north.

The Cerro Dominador, the first thermosolar power plant in Latin America, in the middle of the Atacama desert, Chile | AFP

FACT OF THE MATTER

Cyclone detection

SCIENCE

A team of scientists from IIT Kharagpur has, with support from the Department of Science & Technology, found a way to detect the development of tropical cyclones more quickly. Thus far, remote sensing is used to spot cyclones, but the system can detect them only after the cyclones have formed as a low-pressure system over warm oceans. Quicker detection can aid in authorities' ability to prepare for a storm's impact. The latest research, in *Atmospheric Research*, focuses on a new method that detects cyclonic eddies that precede the formation of a cyclonic depression and tracks their evolution. The method "could bring about the genesis of prediction with a minimum of four days (~90h) lead time..." a statement read.

US report on virus lab leak

RESEARCH

A classified report by the US government-backed Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory last year warned that the coronvirus may have leaked from a lab. Recent media reports on it have brought the research report into the public discourse. Prepared in May 2020, the report has gained now fresh political power in Washington DC. The study was done by Lawrence Livermore's "Z Division," the intelligence arm, and is said to have been among the first to seriously analyse whether the coronavirus leaked from China's Wuhan Institute of Virology. The *CNN* said that the report also said it's possible the coronavirus developed naturally in the wild.

GLOBAL LEDGER

Bitcoin gains more acceptance, proves double-edged sword for criminals

TECHNOLOGY

SAN SALVADOR: El Salvador's Legislative Assembly has approved legislation making the cryptocurrency Bitcoin legal tender in the country, the first country to do so, just days after President Nayib Bukele made the proposal at a Bitcoin conference.

The digital currency can be used in any transaction and any business will have to accept payment in Bitcoin, with the exception of those lacking the technology to do so. The U.S. dollar will also continue to be El Salvador's currency and no one will be forced to pay in Bitcoin, according to the legislation approved late Tuesday.

The exchange rate between the two currencies will be established by the market and all prices will be able to be expressed in Bitcoin — though for accounting purposes, the dollar will continue to be the currency of reference.

The Economy Ministry noted that 70% of Salvadorans do not have access to traditional financial services and it said the country "needs to authorize the circulation of a digital currency who value exclusively follows free market criteria" to stimulate growth.

Following the money

Regulators have criticised the growth of cryptocurrencies such as bitcoin because of their popularity with criminals but the technology's transparent transactions can also work against law breakers.

The lesson is one that has been learnt by cybercriminal hackers Darkside the hard way after the organisation extracted a $4.4 million ransom from oil company Colonial Pipeline

in bitcoin.

Following the ransomware extortion, which forced the shutdown of a major fuel network in the eastern United States last month, the US Justice Department said it has clawed back $2.3 million of the funds by tracing financial transactions. "Following the money remains one of the most basic, yet powerful, tools we have," US Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco said.

The financial forensics to track crypto transactions are more complex on the decentralised and anonymous networks.

For a traditional bank payment, police can turn to the bank that sent or received the money but for bitcoin, the registry that records these transactions – the blockchain -- does not ask users to reveal their identity. But the blockchain is also public and available to everyone to download and piece together who might own the anonymous addresses where the bitcoin arrives.

While some users keep their bitcoin safe in an offline wallet, for example on a USB stick or hard drive, Darkside's bitcoins were always linked to an online account. Without specifying how they came by it -- whether by hacking or through an informant -- US authorities have said they were able to access the "private key" to the hackers' online account.

In 2019, analysis of the blockchain enabled British and American authorities to dismantle a child pornography ring and arrest more than 300 people in 38 countries.

The complex tracking of transactions has become an industry in its own right. Firms specialising in blockchain analysis have developed, such as Chainalysis in the United States and Elliptic in Britain.

According to a Chainalysis report released in February, cryptocurrency transactions for illegal purposes reached $10 billion in 2020, 1% of total crypto activity for the year.

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THURSDAY

DAY'S DIARY

Saab's first automobile

Saab, a Swedish aerospace and defense company, introduced its first prototype of a car, the two-stroke, three-cylinder Model 92 on this day in 1947

DESIGN

The hand-built prototype was created by a team of aircraft engineers from the Swedish Aircraft Company, and featured a unique aerodynamic body shaped in a wind tunnel

THE MODEL

The prototype was named Urasaab, which meant 'Original Saab.' This led to the production of the first vehicle by the company, Saab 92

AIRCRAFTS TO CARS

Saab had been producing warplanes for WWII but launched an automobile design project in 1945. The Saab 91 was a single engine aircraft trainer

I am so much like Meesha, says Samyuktha Hegde

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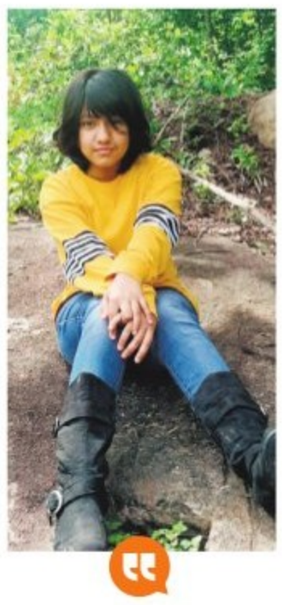
I do not assume anyone's identity, instead refer to them by their name and their pronoun. I also make sure that I share my pronoun in my introduction as it encourages people to share theirs to avoid any kind of misgendering. Remember, someone's identity is not a preference or choice

Srini Ramaswamy, co-founder Pride Circle



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Rhea Kalauny Ramachandran, 13

This Pride Month, Bengaluru's non-binary people talk to *CE* about their struggle with socially imposed gender identities, and what it means to simply be.

OUT AND PROUD

SIMRAN AHUJA

FOR most of their life, Ra couldn't name the discomfort they felt regarding gender and sexuality, until about eight years ago, when they came across the term "non-binary". "After that, my discomforts couldn't be repressed quite as easily. I began to give myself space within my mind, within my bedroom to explore why I held this discomfort. With more education through resources online, I came out as bisexual and a year later as gender-fluid/non-binary. Since then my relationship with these labels has grown and changed, but they continue to bring me a sense of comfort and make it easy for others to put a name to the way I exist," says the 26-year-old philosophy student.

Referring to American singer Demi Lovato's recent coming out as a non-binary person, Ra says, Lovato's "story speaks to the time and effort it takes in a cis-heteronormative world for a queer person to find themself and then to find the safe moment to tell everyone who they are," says Ra.

Tejaswi, editor at queer e-zine Gaysi, said they identify as agender under the 'non-binary' umbrella term. "I don't use gender to identify myself. I was always told that's not how a girl sits or talks and I wondered - should I do what comes naturally to me or what a girl is expected to do?" says Tejaswi.

Rhea Kalauny Ramachandran (13), is still figuring out where they fit on the spectrum of identity. "I knew around the age of eight that I didn't see myself as a girl. It only became a bigger deal when I went to a gender-segregated school and realised I didn't identify as a boy either," they says, adding that they learned of the term through their sibling, Rishi, who identifies as non-binary and pansexual.

Rhea told their parents parents how they felt a few months ago. "My father often asks me to explain things, but when it comes to acceptance, he's fully on board," says Rhea.

Rhea's father Pravin Ramachandran, says his children will always have his support. "My only concern is their safety. I told them that everyone may not accept them and that's okay. But they should never accept disrespect either," he says.

While social acceptance is one thing, the law is another matter, says Tejaswi.

"We're still unseen in legal and policy matters. Look at forms. Why must gender matter? Wouldn't it be better, if you weren't asked if you are male or female but if you are a menstruator or not? Sex education that goes beyond reproduction would be a good way to spread awareness from a young age," they point out.

The struggle to bring the law in line with life and love will go on. But for now, Ra is living a life where they no longer want to conform to existing notions of gender. Their state of being, "is a sense of exploration, a state of play. It is a way to say 'I am not a girl, I am not a boy, see me as I am'."

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'Cooking show' with a twist

Food show director Shubhra Chatterji is organising food shows with a twist: you can catch shows on your favourite cuisines if you donate for Covid relief

SANATH PRASAD

FROM the kitchens of Kodagu to the delight of Kerala and Kashmir, History On A Plate is the perfect place to learn about the history and origins of delicacies from all over India and the global influences that shaped them.

Food show director Shubhra Chatterji is the brain behind History On A Plate, a fundraiser event that started in April 2021, which features chefs from different parts of the country.

Chef Regi Mathew, co-owner and culinary director of Kappa Chakka Kandhari, a Kerala cuisine restaurant with outlets in Chennai and Bengaluru, will host the fifth series called Chatti Tales on History on a Plate and talk about the roots of Kerala's varied cuisine.

"I have travelled across the length and breadth of Kerala for the past three years. I was surprised to find out that Kerala's cuisine has more to it than what meets the eye. From the Malabar food which was influenced by trade with the Arabs, to the Dutch and Portuguese influences on the cuisines in central Travancore, the cuisine here is very nuanced," Mathew says.

He also states that Kerala's food is very expansive and diverse because of the different topographies that produce different ingredients. The series will focus on the spices, tea leaves, coconut, kodampuli, pepper, bananas, and fish and also stories about clams and mussels, duck, erachi, and a unique range of tubers native to the state.

The series has in the past hosted Kaveri Ponnappa who spoke about the culinary spread of Kodagu.

Chatterji says that the primary aim of the event is to raise funds for Covid-19 relief work and help distribute food and ration to those suffering from the virus. "We want people to participate for a good cause. In exchange, they can explore insightful sessions on the history and origins of food across India. We witnessed a spike in the funds during the first few sessions, but it has however, dwindled a bit. It could be because the overall Covid-19 cases are coming down and also, people across the states have been contributing for many causes. I would call this 'donation fatigue'," says Chatterji.

According to Chatterji, the donations have gone to non-profit organisations in Srinagar, Haryana, New Delhi, and Uttarakhand to help distribute food and ration kits to those in need.

Shubhra Chatterji

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Regi Mathew, co-owner, Kappa Chakka Kandhari

CITY READ

₹3 lakh raised for Covid relief

Greenwood High student Anvi Mittal and her friends raised ₹3 lakh from family, friends and well wishers and donated it to NGO Mercy Mission which has been actively involved in Covid relief in the past year. The fundraising was done through Ration Square, a 30-member student initiative that helps people in need. For details visit https://www.rationsquare.com/

MAHE to support its Covid-affected students

Manipal Academy of Higher Education will offer full fee waiver as scholarship to its students who have lost a parent who was the sole earning member of their family to the recent wave of Covid-19 infections. The entire course fee will be offered as scholarship across all programmes for the remaining duration of study.

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'**

Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in CE on Thursday.

THE RIGHT ANSWERS ARE

1. Avenue Road; 2. Mysore Government Road Transport Department; 3. M Fazlul Hasan

FIRST THREE TO GET IT RIGHT

1. Meghana Sunil
2. Ramesh MP
3. Rajendra MP

Arjun Gowda takes people on their last journey

A SHARADHAA

ACTOR Arjun Gowda, who turned ambulance driver for Covid-19 patients, has taken yet another step to help those who have lost loved ones to the disease.

The actor is leaving for Kashi on Wednesday to immerse the ashes of more than 90 people who died of Covid in Ganga.

In a recent interview with *CE*, Gowda had said that he was a staunch believer of Lord Shiva had visited Kashi several times and was familiar with the place and people there.

Ask him about this decision, and he says this is another opportunity to serve mankind. "Over the last one-and-a-half months, I cremated over 100 bodies as an ambulance driver. Some of them were not willing to keep the ashes at home, and we also had the ashes of unclaimed bodies. After much thought, I decided to immerse the ashes in the Ganga," says Arjun Gowda.

Arjun Gowda

The actor is taking the ashes of several people who died of Covid for immersion in the Ganga

"I am taking a small quantity of the ashes of different people and putting them in one pot, which will be put in a box and carried as luggage. Later, I will immerse it," says Gowda. He says that a lot of people from Bengaluru take ashes to Varanasi, and that he would follow the rules.

"Immersing the ashes makes it (life) a complete circle, and I will be giving that last respect to all those human souls. This is another opportunity to serve mankind, and Lord Shiva whom I believe in," says the actor.

He knows he could have immersed the ashes elsewhere. "The ashes could have been immersed in Srirangapatna or other places nearby. But my emotions lie with the Ganga."

The Mandya-born actor began to work as an ambulance drive in mid-April with Project Smile Trust. The release of his latest film *WoW*, has been delayed because of the pandemic.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

CLASSICAL DANCE

Catch Bharatanatyam dancer Mridula Sridharan live as she performs different styles of the dance form. Some of the styles include Kaarthu Arul Puriga, Enthaiyum Thaayum, Nambikettavar and Sakhi Praana Thillana. **When:** June 12 **Tickets** on bookmyshow.com

CARNATIC SESSIONS

Dhruv Arts, a UK-based South Asian organisation is conducting a series of interactive online workshops called Masters of Karnataka. The workshops will feature top Carnatic musicians from the state of Karnataka in digital concerts and featurettes. **When:** Ongoing **Details:** Eventbrite webpage

COMBO SPECIAL

Dindigul Thalappakatti launches Mood Combos containing a wide variety of starters and main course options. Some of the combo options include BBQ celebration, playful Chinese, blissful biryani and roti delight. **Place orders on:** Swiggy/ Zomato

INVOKING THE GODDESS

Sign up for Nine Nights of the Goddess- online spiritual session conducted by Unalome project. The live session is facilitated by Sneha S who will teach you the ancient way to invoke the innate devotional power that will help attain peace and harmony in your soul and mind. The event is open for people aged 16 years and above **When:** June 9-19 **Details:** 9886551029

SIGN UP FOR AN ONLINE ANNUALAR SOLAR ECLIPSE AND NEW MOON MEDITATION SESSION. WHEN: JUNE 10 DETAILS: 9844111230

KATHAK CLASSES

Learn the basics of Kathak along with the history of the art form with Kathak dancer Mugdha D'Souza. The session includes learning the early origins of the dance form, basic steps and beats, ekgun, dungun and other movements. **When:** Ongoing **Details:** bookmyshow.com

BAKING CLASSES

Sign up for macaron baking with chef Pooja Dhingra as she trains you in making different varieties of macarons. The interactive baking session will teach you to make macaron shell, dark chocolate ganache and coffee ganache. The preparation is not eggless. **When:** June 12 **Details:** insider.in

SOULFUL EVENING

My Tirth India is presenting a devotional evening filled with soulful bhajans performed by music maestro Anup Jalota . The event will be streamed live all across the world. The duration of the event is 60 minutes. **When:** June 19, 8pm **Tickets:** bookmyshow.com

MUSICAL EVENING

Get grooving to the music of rock and metal performed by HIV Live TV. One of the heavy metal bands of India, the group will perform a metal concert to keep you engaged at the comfort of your home. Also get a chance to interact with them after the show on Zoom. **When:** June 13 onwards, 6pm **Tickets** on bookmyshow.com

ONLINE PILATES SESSION

Sign up for an online pilates session conducted by RedMat Pilates studio. The session will train you in fitness goals like inch loss, toning, injury rehabilitation and improving sports performance. **Duration:** 40 minutes **When:** Until June 15 **Register on** bookmyshow.com

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

KORI-KOHI ICED COFFEE

INGREDIENTS

- **Instant coffee powder:** 1 tbsp ■ **Water:** 4 tbsp
- **Milk:** 1 cup ■ **Sugar:** as per taste

METHOD

- Mix the instant coffee powder and water together.
- Freeze this mixture into ice cubes.
- Once your ice cubes are formed, add 2-3 to a glass and pour warm milk over it. Add sugar, stir together and enjoy.

— Naira Bose, Bengauru

FIT BIT

CAMATKARASANA

(WILD THING POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'camatkara' means miracle and 'asana' means 'pose'. It is one of the backbend poses that can be demanding on one's strength and balance. It provides energetic benefits to the body physically and psychologically. It opens the heart, mind, and boosts confidence. It stimulates the Anahata (heart chakra), which is associated with universal love, peace, acceptance and confidence.

STEPS

- Begin in Downward Facing Dog Pose.
- From there, stack your shoulders above your wrists to come to a plank.
- Then, place your left hand slightly forward from your shoulder and roll onto the outer edge of your left foot.
- Step your right foot behind you with a bent knee turning the torso, meanwhile keep the left leg straight.
- You can press the ball of your right foot and the outer edge of the left foot on the floor to lift the hips away from the floor.
- Throw your head and neck backward.
- Lift the right side of your body extending your right arm over your head to come into a backbend.
- You can hold the pose keeping the right fingertips extended towards the floor for 5-10 breaths.
- To release, raise the right arm and pivot on your left foot to come into the Downward Dog Pose. Repeat on the other side.

BENEFITS

- Opens the chest and shoulders. Makes the spine more flexible.
- Improves the arm and leg strength and flexibility.
- Abdominal muscles are stretched and core is strengthened.
- Stretches and expands the lungs, rib cage and upper abdomen.
- Digestive organs are stimulated.
- Improves blood circulation.
- Helps in developing better communication skills.
- Improves mind-body coordination and enhances concentration.

LIMITATIONS

- People suffering from carpal tunnel syndrome, any injury in the wrists, elbows, back, or rotator cuff muscles, avoid this.
- If you have high blood pressure or any heart ailments, you must avoid this.
- It is advised not to perform this if you have heaviness in the head.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

SOUND BOARD

SPILLED MILK

If you're a food lover, then this one's for you. The podcast from writer-cum-comedians Molly Wizenberg and Matthew Amster-Burton has the pair ruminating on a particular food delicacy laced with humour and anecdotes.
- On Apple Podcasts

AMAZING WILDLIFE

From blobfish to sea otters, this educational series highlights the wonders and diversity of the animal kingdom. It makes it fun for wildlife enthusiasts with interesting trivia. The episodes also feature fun and insightful facts about the world's most fantastic animals.
- On Apple Podcasts

THINK FAST, TALK SMART: COMMUNICATION TECHNIQUES

Whether you're giving a toast or presenting in a meeting, communication is critical to success in business and in life. Join Matt Abrahams, a lecturer of Strategic Communication at Stanford Graduate School of Business, as he sits down with experts in the field to discuss real-world challenges.
- On Google Podcasts

EVERYTHING IS ALIVE

Everything is Alive is an unscripted interview show in which all the subjects are inanimate objects. In each episode, a different thing tells us its life story — and everything it says is true.
- On Google Podcasts

GASTROPOD

Every other week co-hosts Cynthia Graber and Nicola Twilley serve up a brand new episode exploring the hidden history and surprising science behind different food- or farming-related topics.
- On Apple Podcasts

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

JAGUAR

Krishna, an orphan and a first-year MBBS student, dons a vigilante avatar and seemingly kills people randomly. He also tries to woo his friend's sister, Priya.
- Cast: Nikhil Gowda Deepti Sati

KALYANA

Arya, a righteous man, falls in love with a small-town woman named Geetha, unaware of the obstacles that lie ahead for both of them.
- Cast: Nikhil Gowda, Rachita Ram

MILANA

Anjali's father forces her to marry Akash. Unable to forget her past, she demands a divorce from Akash, but soon begins to fall for him.
- Cast: Puneet Rajkumar, Parvathy Thiruvothu

HEBBULI

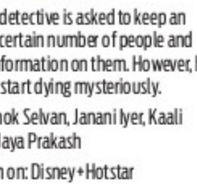
After Ram's brother dies suddenly, he decides to investigate the reason behind his death. However, he must fight against the corrupt system to protect his family and find the truth.
- Cast: Kichcha Sudeep, Ravichandran

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT INJUSTICE
BY BRYAN STEVENSON

In an engaging and personal talk, human rights lawyer Bryan Stevenson shares some hard truths about America's justice system, starting with a massive imbalance along racial lines: a third of the country's black male population has been incarcerated at some point in their lives.



2 THE HABITS OF HAPPINESS
BY MATTHIEU RICARD

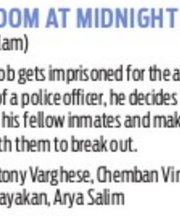
What is happiness, and how can we all get some? Biochemist turned Buddhist monk — sometimes called the "happiest man in the world" — Matthieu Ricard says we can train our minds in habits of well-being, to generate a true sense of serenity and fulfilment.

3 THE COUNTERINTUITIVE WAY TO BE MORE PERSUASIVE
BY NIRO SIVANATHAN

What's the best way to make a good point? Organizational psychologist Niro Sivanathan offers a fascinating lesson on the "dilution effect," a cognitive quirk that weakens our strongest cases — and reveals why brevity is the true soul of persuasion.

4 HOW TO LET GO OF BEING A "GOOD" PERSON — AND BECOME A BETTER PERSON
BY DOLLY CHUGH

What if your attachment to being a "good" person is holding you back from actually becoming a better person? In this accessible talk, social psychologist Dolly Chugh explains the puzzling psychology of ethical behaviour and shows how the path to becoming better starts with owning your mistakes.



5 HOW CAN WE NAVIGATE THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC WITH COURAGE AND HOPE
BY RABBI LORD JONATHAN SACKS

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks offers thoughts on how we can navigate the coronavirus pandemic with courage, hope and empathy. With wisdom and clarity, he speaks on leadership, fear, death, hope and how we could use this moment to build a more just world.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

ARISHADVARGA (Kannada)

An aspiring actor doubling as an amateur gigolo gets caught up in a sticky situation after accepting a surprise gift from an anonymous client. Cast: Sumyuktha Hornad, Anju Alva Naik
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

PARAMAPADHAM VILAYATTU (Tamil)

The local party leader gets hospitalised, Dr. Gayathri tries her best to cure him, but he dies. The leader's son is forced to take over while Dr Gayathri tells him about the conspiracy over his father's death.

Cast: Trisha, Nandha, Richard Rishi
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

HUM BHI AKELE TUM BHI AKELE (Hindi)

A homosexual boy. A lesbian girl. A road trip from New Delhi to Himachal which helps them discover the love in friendship.

Cast: Zareen Khan, Anshuman Jha, Gurfateh Pirzada, Janhvi Rawat
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

KAVACHA (Kannada)

Jayarama, who is visually challenged, agrees to be the guardian of a young girl, Meenakshi, after her father is murdered. Soon, he finds himself battling a serial killer whose new target is Meenakshi.

Cast: Shiva Rajkumar, Isha Kopikkar, Ravi Kale, Kruthika Jayakumar
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

NIZHAL (Malayalam)

John Baby, who is recouping from a traumatic accident, meets Nitin, a young boy who interests him with murder stories. When Baby explores the possibility of Nitin's stories by mapping the events, it corresponds with the actual incidents.

Cast: Nayanthara, Kunchako Boban, Aadhya Prasad, Divya Prabha
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

BHADRAM (Telugu)

A young detective is asked to keep an eye on a certain number of people and collect information on them. However, his subjects start dying mysteriously.

Cast: Ashok Selvan, Janani Iyer, Kaali Venkat, Jaya Prakash
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

FREEDOM AT MIDNIGHT (Malayalam)

After Jacob gets imprisoned for the alleged murder of a police officer, he decides to befriend his fellow inmates and makes plans with them to break out.

Cast: Antony Varghese, Chemban Vinod Jose, Vinayakan, Arya Salim
- Watch on: Netflix

ENGLISH

RAYA AND THE LAST DRAGON

Raya, a warrior, sets out to track down Sisu, a dragon, who transferred all her powers into a magical gem which is now scattered all over the kingdom of Kumandra, dividing its people.

Cast: Gemma Chan, Sandra Oh, Alan Tudyk, Awkwafina
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

BOMBSHELL

Having had enough of her boss's sexual harassments, Gretchen Carlson files a lawsuit against Fox News founder Roger Ailes. Her bravery triggers a domino effect, culminating into a liberation movement.

Cast: Charlize Theron, Nicole Kidman, Margot Robbie, John Lithgow
- Watch on: Lionsgate Play

SWEET TOOTH (series)

On a perilous adventure in a post-apocalyptic world, a boy who's half-human and half deer searches for a new beginning with a gruff protector.

Cast: Christian Convery, Nonso Anozie, James Brolin, Wil Forte
- Watch on: Netflix

THE MAURITANIAN

A defense attorney, her associate and a military prosecutor uncover a far-reaching conspiracy while investigating the case of a suspected 9/11 terrorist imprisoned at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for six years.

Cast: Jodie Foster, Tahar Rahim, Shailene Woodley, Benedict Cumberbatch
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

SUBSCRIPTION

Prime Video: ₹ 129 per month
Zee 5: ₹ 99 per month
Netflix: ₹ 199 per month

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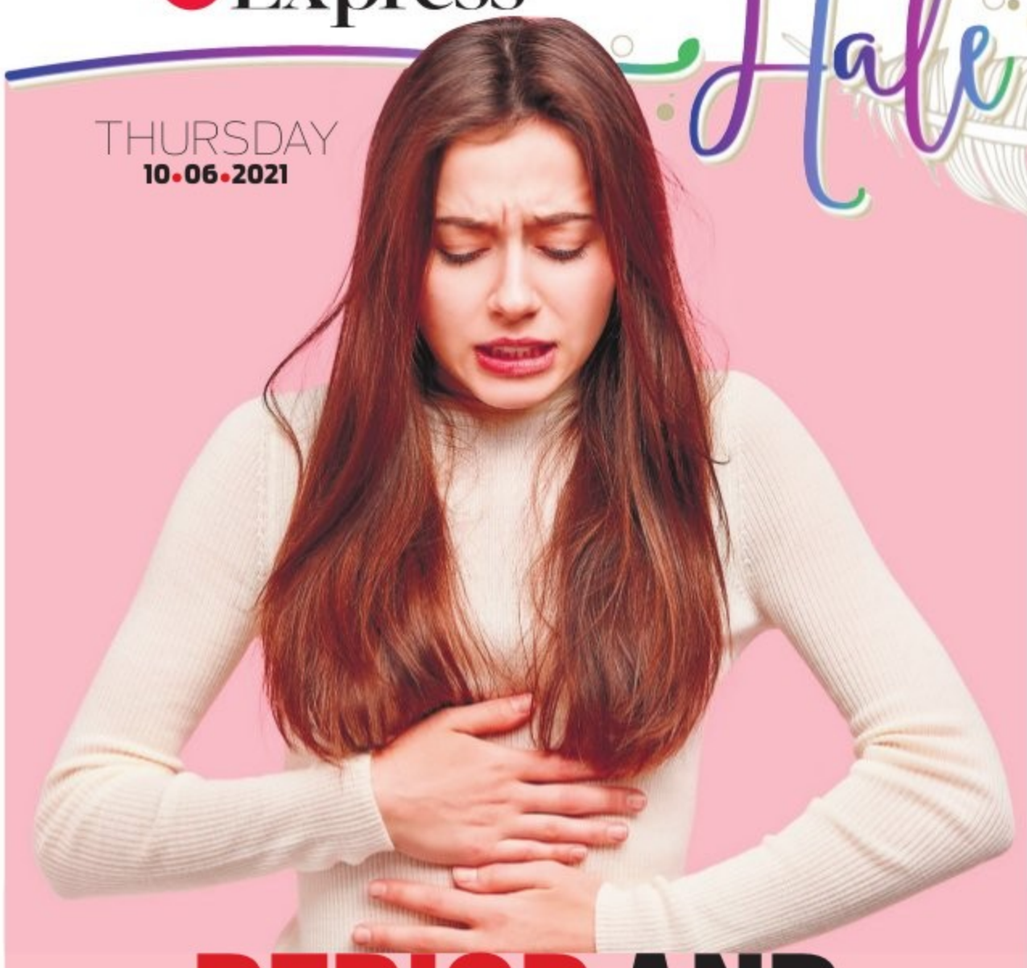


PERIOD AND PANDEMIC

The ongoing Covid-19 scenario has affected a range of organs and systems in the body, including menstruation in women

DR PRATHIMA REDDY

Irregularities of the menstrual cycle can affect women at some point in their menstruating years. Heavy menstrual bleeding, irregular bleeding, prolonged bleeding or reduced bleeding are common reasons for which women seek a gynaecologist's help. There are over 355 million menstruating women in India and about 60 per cent of them may need medical help at some time in their lives to deal with period problems.

What is a normal period?

The menstrual cycle is counted from the first day of one period to the first day of the next. The cycle length ranges from 21 to 35 days and can last 2-7 days. It may or may not be associated with pain. In the years just after the onset of menstruation, the cycles may be irregular but this settles over time. Again towards menopause, cycles can get irregular.

What causes menstrual irregularities?

There are many different causes of period irregularities. Here are a few: Polycystic ovarian syndrome, uterine fibroids/polyps, weight gain, extreme weight loss, eating disorders, excessive exercise and mental stress. Pregnancy and breast feeding can also cause missed periods.

What has changed during the pandemic?

Surveys and studies both in India and other countries have found that increasing numbers of women have reported irregularities in their menstrual cycle during the Covid pandemic. The 6th Annual Menstrual Hygiene Survey by Everteen 2021 indicated that 41 per cent of women had experienced irregular periods. Of these only 13.7 per cent had contracted Covid-19. The number of women who have been affected may be even more, as many do not seek medical help due to restricted access to health care.

Studies have also reported an increase in premenstrual syndrome (PMS) intensity and a decreased physical and emotional capacity to cope with periods. It is well-known that stress can change the pattern of the menstrual cycle and worsen PMS symptoms. During the pandemic people have been under tremendous stress due to job losses, financial difficulties, contracting Covid, losing family members to Covid and restricted social interaction.

In the early days of the lockdown, there was difficulty in accessing menstrual hygiene products. In rural areas, schools that handed out free sanitary napkins were unable to do so, due to schools being shut. This resulted in girls having to resort to using cloth or rags.

Women health care workers faced the practical difficulty of changing sanitary napkins frequently especially when wearing full PPE. It added another stress to an already extremely challenging job of looking after Covid-positive patients.

What is the way forward?

Some of the menstrual irregularities that women face during these extremely challenging times, maybe a consequence of the stress and mental trauma associated with the pandemic. However, women must remember that it would be prudent to consult a gynaecologist to make sure that there is no other underlying cause for the change in period pattern.

Physical access to healthcare maybe restricted in some places, but with the advent of teleconsultation, patients with internet access can consult doctors across the country with ease. At the least, an initial virtual consultation with a doctor is recommended if menstrual irregularities persist, so that a more serious underlying condition is not missed.

(The author is the director, senior obstetrician and gynaecologist, Fortis La Femme Hospital, Richmond Road)

PRAMOD RAVINDRA

Physiotherapy and post-Covid recovery

Patients with Covid could benefit from physiotherapy care, which could help in returning to a pre-Covid state faster

The second wave of the pandemic has had a crippling effect. We are now witness to high mortality and morbidity across the country. While the first wave impacted the older generation, the second wave has claimed lives of people in the middle and younger age groups.

Covid-19 infection is associated with a multisystem inflammatory syndrome with predominant effects on the respiratory system. The most dominant feature resulting out of impaired pulmonary mechanics and insufficient arterial oxygen supply is stress on the oxygen transport pathway. Acute patients are classified into mild, moderate and severe categories, in which respiratory symptoms range from mild cough to pneumonia with drop in oxygen saturation. Based on clinical findings, patients might require conservative medical management or oxygen support or even a ventilator. Majority of patients with Covid have benefited from physiotherapy care which has been shown to assist in faster recovery.

Physiotherapists play a key role in improving the ventilation/perfusion mismatch, reducing its impact on the oxygen transport pathway in respiratory care. Not all breathing exercises or positioning techniques work for all patients. It is a myth that every patient requires chest clearance or deep breathing techniques to stabilise their condition. Based on the severity of the disease, and clinical presentation of each patient, treatment goals and the manner in which they are managed, differs. For example, in acute care ICU setting, the aim of physiotherapy treatment would be to improve oxygenation and maintain bronchial hygiene, thereby preventing secondary respiratory infections. Physiotherapy also helps in reducing ventilator dependency, facilitating weaning and minimizing the impact of immobilization on the oxygen transport pathway. Patients experiencing moderate symptoms with oxygen support will require assistance in breathlessness management. Increased ventilation to all zones of the lungs and gradual increase in the functional capacity will reduce the impact of immobility on various body systems.

Observing trends since the first wave, and more prominently during the second wave, we have noticed that once patients are discharged from hospital, especially patients who had a long stay or needed oxygen or ventilator support during their stay, are at risk of long-term impairment and disability. More than 50 per cent of such individuals experience ongoing symptoms such as movement related fatigue, weight loss, ICU acquired weakness/neuropathies, post intensive care syndromes and residual respiratory, musculoskeletal, neurological and cardiac related impairments. These symptoms can remain even six months after discharge and can severely affect recovery and return to daily activities.

It is highly recommended that individuals who experience such symptoms follow up at post Covid-19 clinics, where an integrated medical team along with the physiotherapists screen and guide patients towards structured individualised therapy to facilitate a faster recovery to pre-Covid state. Here physiotherapy and rehabilitation play a very important role as experts work individually with patients assisting them in improving the ventilatory mechanics and functional capacity, facilitating recovery with a gradual, progressive and structured exercise program for better functionality.

Most times such individuals recovering from an acute infection report lack of energy. It is important for them to get back to independent participation in their daily lives and maintain a good balance between energy saving and expenditure. Therefore continuity of care in the form of individually-tailored therapy programmes delivered in the comfort of their homes seems more feasible.

(The author is the founder and CEO, ProPhysio Healthcare Pvt. Ltd)

NUGGETS

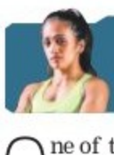
Covid more likely to spread indoors through maskless interaction

Speaking without masks in confined spaces poses the greatest risk of spreading SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes Covid-19, to others, according to a study. The study published in the Journal of Internal Medicine describes how different-sized respiratory droplets emitted while speaking span a continuum of sizes and can carry different amounts of virus. Most concerning are intermediate-sized droplets that remain suspended in air for minutes and can be transported over considerable distances by convective air currents. - IANS

Apple unveils watchOS 8, new health tools

To make it more user-friendly, Apple has unveiled watchOS 8, macOS Monterey and a new slate of health features for its users at the Worldwide Developers Conference (WWDC) 2021. The company said that it will let people share the data from their Health app with family members or others. In the Health app, a new Sharing tab lets users privately share their data with a trusted partner or caregiver. - IANS

Feeling the burn



GET MOVING
Shwetambari Shetty

One of the most searched terms online today is belly fat reduction. Why? Is it because we are a carb heavy country or is it because we move less? Or a little of both? In general, it is said that carbohydrates cause obesity and that's the culprit. But this is contradicted by Japan, which has one of the highest carbohydrate intake and the lowest obesity rate. How is that possible? Simply because they move often and move a lot, they walk everywhere. What we are getting at is the fact that fat loss or belly fat loss needs well planned meals, but also needs constant/consistent movement. Let's dive a little deeper.

Belly fat consists of subcutaneous fat - right underneath the skin and this is the harmless one. Then there is visceral fat, deep inside, surrounding the organs. It's located near several vital organs, including the liver, stomach, intestines and can also build up in the arteries, and this is the harmful one that causes all the health risks like heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure etc. Here's how to tackle it in terms of exercise, food and other factors:

Adding moderate strength training helps build lean muscle mass

EXERCISE

Every exercise you do engages your core, the mid-section. Walking, squats, deadlifts, planks, skipping, burpees etc. But if we want to target a certain muscle group like the abdomen muscle, you must first focus on strengthening the core (everything minus the limbs). While you are working on core strength, a lot of belly fat will be gone. HIIT (high intensity interval training), workouts help with good calorie burn and fat burn. So 30 minutes of HIIT five days a week will do great.

Cycling and running are also great cardio workouts that will aid fat loss. Adding moderate strength training helps build lean muscle mass, which causes you to burn more calories throughout the entire day, both at rest and during exercise. Most importantly keep moving, walk, 10,000 - 15,000 steps a day. Brisk walking burns fat.

FOOD

Pick a healthy eating plan you can stick to and not a fad diet. You do not remove carbs or fat and make it high protein. Yes, protein is important, but so are the good carbs and good fats. You cannot remove these macros from your meal plan. Ensure you add a lot of complex carbs, soluble fibre-like beans, lentils, sweet potatoes, oats, brown rice, sourdough breads, green leafy vegetables, beetroot, carrots, etc. Eat a good amount of protein, eggs, tofu, paneer, dals, beans, chickpeas, fish, chicken etc. You can also eat good fat like nuts, seeds, avocados, olive oil, coconut flakes etc. Remember to eat when you are hungry and not simply because it's meal time, eat to feel full and not stuffed. Hydrate plenty (cue - ensure your pee is always clear and not yellow) and avoid processed food and sugar.

OTHER FACTORS

Stress can make you gain belly fat by triggering the adrenal glands to produce cortisol, which is also known as the stress hormone. Sleep deprivation is linked to an increased risk of weight gain. So 7 hours of sleep while you are chasing a fat loss goal and for better health.

Fat loss always requires some effort, commitment, and consistency. It's not a one-week effort. Do it for a minimum of 4-6 weeks and then you not only see results, but also build a habit.

(The author is a fitness expert with Cure.fit)

SOULFUL

Freedom, pleasure and joy

There are three things concerned with pleasure: joy, enjoyment and pleasure. This is so - look at it. You are going to find out what is the relationship between the three of them. Joy - real enjoyment of a lovely day, the enjoyment of seeing the mountains, hearing the great thunder rolling among the hills - and the mind that is pursuing the pleasure as that which has happened yesterday, with that lightning. So what is pleasure? Is there a moment of pleasure - I am asking - when you can say, 'This is pleasure"? Or you only know it after. You recognise it as pleasure when it is over, which is the movement of thought as time. I wonder if you see this thing! So is there a moment when you say, 'My god, this is great pleasure!' But only when thought, when that incident which has been called 'pleasure', in quotes, has been registered in the brain and then the awakening of thought and recognising that as delight, pleasure and pursuing it - sexually - in so many ways. So what is the relationship of thought to pleasure? Pleasure being emotions, great feeling, sentimentality, feeling tremendously sentimental, gooey, romantic, ideological. What relationship has pleasure to thought, or is pleasure the movement of thought only? I take... There has been a pleasure - what we call pleasure - a flattery, someone flatters you: 'Marvellous, how beautiful, what a lovely writing that is, what a marvellous speech you have made!' That is pleasure. And you listen to that and you like the flattery of another, which means you are not really concerned with the truth of perception but the flattery of someone who says, 'What a marvellous fellow you are'. Then thought picks that up, pursues it and you who have flattered are my everlasting friend and I seek more and more flattery. That is the pursuit of pleasure which also acts in the other opposite way, which is: you hurt me and I pursue that hurt, thought pursues that hurt, and you are my enemy or I don't like you, avoid you. It's the same principle. So is thought the pursuer, not pleasure? I wonder if you see that. I've found something!

We are not pursuing pleasure but thought is pursuing pleasure. And when you pursue... when thought pursues something, it must be in the field of time. Therefore yesterday the sexual pleasure, the remembrance of it and the pursuit of it. Seeing the pleasure, all 'pleasure', in quotes, the mountains and the sunset, and the thunder rolling among the hills and thought pursuing that sound, pursuing that marvellous light of an evening on the snow. So it is the movement of thought as a remembrance in time that is the pursuit of pleasure. I wonder if you get all this. I pursue a guru - not I (laughter) - I have an abomination of gurus, because they are the new priests; before you accepted the Catholic domination. You were told exactly what to do and you did that - now you are bored with that and you take on new gurus and you will get bored with that and then you will go on to the gurus from China or Japan, or Russia - it is the same pattern.

- Jiddu Krishnamurti

Watch out for Shine Shetty in an extended cameo

In *Prayashaha*, written and directed by Ranjith Rao and starring Rahul and Krishnaa Bhat, the former *Bigg Boss* contestant will also lend his voice

CE FEATURES

DEBUTANT director Ranjith Rao is marking his directorial debut with a crime thriller. The director, who has previously been associated with soaps, is making his first independent feature film. For the thriller, Ranjith has written the story as well as taken the productional responsibilities. Titled *Prayashaha*, the film features Rahul in the lead. The teleserial actor who has worked in *Aramane* and *Yarivalu* will be making his silver screen debut with this film. The female lead is played by *Savarna Deergha Sandhi* heroine, Krishna Bhat. The film, which means 'may be or may not not' will also have the *Bigg Boss* contestant, Shine Shetty.

The young talent is yet to make his silver screen debut as a full-fledged hero, but will be seen in an extended cameo and will be making his appearance on and off in the the film. In addition, he has also done the voice-over and plays an important part in the movie's narration. The makers, who have completed the shooting in parts of Mangaluru and in and around Bengaluru before the lockdown, have released their song. Soon, they will reveal further details. "We are now in the post-production process, with the DTS and DI currently going on,"

Made under Arha Creations, the film has Prashant Patil handling the camera work, while music is scored by Vijay Krishna. Actor Shobaraj Pavoor, Madhu Hegde, Sunil Sagar, and Vineeth are a part of the cast.

'I am so much like Meesha'

...says *Kirik Party* actor Samyuktha Hegde, who is making her debut with a Hindi webseries called *Puncch Beat Season 2*; the teen drama is produced by Ekta Kapoor's Alt Balaji

A SHARADHAA

SAMYUKTHA Hegde, who came to limelight for her role, Aarya,in *Kirik Party*, is now raising the bar. After having made her mark down south in Tamil and Telugu, the actor is making her digital debut with Hindi webseries *Puncch Beat Season 2*. "Say hello to meesha you guys. The adrenaline junkie is here !!! Can't wait for all of you to meet her. Share her to the world!!! (sic)". This was Samyuktha's post on social media, introducing her character.

Directed by Akshay Choubey, the webseries is a teen drama, made under Ekta Kapoor's production house Alt Balaji. The makers are releasing the trailer on June 11. "Meesha is into a mixed martial arts and runs her father's gym. She's rich but grounded. Hot, fiery, crazy, she rides superbikes. It's an amazing role," she says.

Never having played a character like this before, Samyuktha feels there's scope for performance. "I used a lot of elements that I usually do in real life. There's so much of me in the film because the character is like me," she says.

Puncch Beat Season 2 also has a host of actors, including Priyank Sharma, Sameer Soni, Niki Walia, Singhuja Thrulapati, Kajol Tyagi, Siddharth Sharma, Khushi Joshi, Anuj Choudary, Shataf, and Nikhil. The cinematography is being handled by Jay Charola. The show will begin streaming on June 27.

Catherine Dyer to star alongside Chris Pratt

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STRANGER Things-fame Catherine Dyer has been cast in a recurring role opposite Chris Pratt on Amazon's upcoming conspiracy-thriller series *The Terminal List*.

Based on Jack Carr's best-selling novel of the same name, the series will be adapted to screen by writer David DiGilio and directed by Antoine Fuqua. DiGilio will also serve as the showrunner. The cast also includes Riley Keough, Constance Wu, Taylor Kitsch and Jeanne Tripplehorn.

The story follows James Reece (Pratt), a Navy SEAL, whose entire platoon gets ambushed during a high-stakes covert mission. When he returns home to his family, he suffers from conflicting memories of the event and questions about his culpability. Things take a turn when Reese discovers dark forces working against him, putting his life and that of his loved ones at stake.

Dyer is all set to play Rachel Campbell, Reece's mother-in-law. When tragedy befalls her family, wearing her grief on her sleeve, Rachel begins to doubt her son-in-law.

Pratt will also executive produce along with Fuqua and DiGilio. The series is a co-production from Amazon Studios and Civic Center Media in association with MRC Television. DiGilio, Carr and Pratt executive produce alongside Jon Schumacher through Indivisible Productions, Fuqua through Fuqua Films and writer Daniel Shattuck.

THE GOD OF MISCHIEF IS BACK

CE FEATURES

AFTER disappearing with the Mind Stone in *Avengers: Endgame*, fans were left to wonder about the fate of Loki. The new series, Loki, which is currently streaming on Disney+ Hotstar, sheds light on how the god of mischief has meddled with the 'sacred timeline' and what happens when a new mysterious group called the Time Variance Authority tries to correct it. Over a virtual conference, the cast and crew discussed the making of MCU's latest web series.

Tom Hiddleston, who plays the titular role, said he was glad to get back into the shoes of Loki. The actor said, "I was excited by the idea and it was a bit of a head-scratcher because that scene in Avengers: Infinity War felt so final, so conclusive as to mark the end of Loki's story. But I knew that Avengers: Endgame was around the corner. And in a scene in that film, Loki picks up the Tesseract and disappears in a puff of smoke. Where does he go? How does he get there?" The producers, Kevin Feige, Louis D'Esposito and Victoria Alonso, reassured Hiddleston that this moment would be the starting point of the series. Interestingly, the makers hadn't thought of this series after Loki was killed by Thanos in Avengers: Infinity War. "But I think we only knew it when we shot *Endgame*. It became very exciting to make people wait until we figured out what the show would be," said Feige.

The series also marks the MCU debut of actor Owen Wilson who plays the TVA agent Mobius. "It's exciting to be a part of MCU, to see the reception to the trailer and how excited people got. I've worked on a lot of things but the secrecy surrounding this was something I didn't quite understand until I saw how the fan base is so revved up and passionate. Marvel is committed to surprising people," said Wilson. Speaking about the inspiration for the show, director Kate Herron said, "Stylistically, we were really inspired by a lot of noir films and it will be apparent when you see that in our lighting and how we have approached it. *Se7en* is a very heavy influence and there's even a little reference to the film in episode two, which I'm sure fans of that film will recognize instantly."

Answering a question on what the takeaway would be from this series, Hiddleston said, "I love that Loki is stripped off everything that's familiar to him. Thor is not close by; Asgard seems some distance away; The Avengers, for the time being, aren't in sight either. He's stripped of his status and his power. What makes Loki, Loki? I hope the audience gets a kick out of where we take him."

'Women actors must be treated more fairly'

Actor Priyamani, who featured in the recent OTT rage, *The Family Man 2*, is juggling multiple releases across languages and is as busy as she has been over her 20-year career

MURALI KRISHNA CH

OVER twenty years of being an actor, Priya Mani has won many laurels, including a National Award for *Paruthiveeran* (2007). And yet, this hasn't stopped her from adapting herself to the constant churns in the entertainment industry. That perhaps explains why she's today a familiar face on OTT platforms as well. "I am happy with how my career has shaped up. or should I say, is shaping up? I choose quality over quantity always," says this actor, who played her part in the recently released Amazon Prime series, *The Family Man 2*.

In this interview, she looks back at her long career with disarming candidness and spills the beans on her upcoming work as well.

Excerpts:

A good time for women actors

"When I pick a film, I know nothing about its fate or potential reception. Be it success or failure, I haven't let it affect me as an actor. In our industry, unfortunately, when a film doesn't do well, they often hold the heroine accountable. We end up not getting offers. The heroes, however, remain unaffected by the occasional box office failure. I think women actors must be treated more fairly. However, I think the times arechanging.

Newcomers are being welcomed today; married actors are being cast in the lead. Take the case of Samantha Akkineni. She is doing really well for herself. People are in queue to get a chance to cast her. Scripts are written for her. When a heroine shows that she can carry a film on her shoulders, she must be given more work. I have worked across languages and delivered hits. I barely have time to breathe with the lineup of films I have. God has really been really kind to me."

A strong role in *Asuran* remake

"In Narappa (the remake of *Asuran*), I play, again, a strong woman. She's called Sundaramma and has a mind of her own. She commands equal footing with Venkatesh's character. I loved how Manju (Warrier) chechi carried her character in Asuran. Even if I give 10 percent of what she did, I will be happy. I have also reinterpreted this character in my own unique way, as I have done quite a few remakes across languages and know the importance of doing this.

It took me three times as much time to dub for this film than it did for Virata Parvam, as speaking the Anantapur dialect turned out to be difficult for me. However, director Srikanth Addala was supportive and brought in a diction trainer from Anantapur to help me with rhythm and pronunciation."

Finally, a project with Venkatesh

"I was supposed to have done a film with Venky sir much earlier, but three of them failed to materialise for various reasons. Working with him was a lot of fun, as he is a chilled-out person. I have known him for a long time, and we converse in Tamil as he is quite comfortable with the language. As an actor, he notices the minute details and ensures that each scene comes out looking convincing."

A new shooting experience

"Just before the first lockdown happened in March, we were shooting in Madurai for Narappa. About five-six kilometers from where we were shooting, we learnt that there were two Covid-19 positive cases. Immediately, producer Suresh Babu (Daggubati) sir suspended the shoot and we resumed proceedings only in January. I also had a significant portion to be shot for Virataparvam and so, I joined that film's sets and completed all the work by November. By now, we are all used to giving Covid-19 tests, wearing masks and gloves, sanitising hands... All of us actors removed our masks only when actually doing a scene."

Cop and a killer

"I am doing a multi-lingual crime thriller called Cyanide, based on the crimes of serial killer, 'Cyanide' Mohan. I play a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) officer in the South versions, while Yashpal Sharma plays this character in Hindi. Director Rajesh Touchriver narrated the story over the phone, and I accepted the project as I feel strongly about the atrocities being committed on women in our country. I read about 'Cyanide' Mohan only in newspapers and I believe people need to know about this story. This is the first time I will be playing a cop throughout the film. I have done thorough research on how a police officer looked in the 90s.

Next up is Quotation Gang and my character of an unassuming contract killer is completely in contrast to what I am playing in Cyanide. I gave a look test for this film and director Vivek was specific about me looking a certain way. We have used special make-up effects (not prosthetics) during the photo shoot; it made me see that he too, like me, is a stickler for perfection."

Taking a pay cut

"I have accepted a pay cut, given the circumstances. Let me also clarify that I have never charged exorbitant salaries! If a producer feels burdened, I am always happy to negotiate, and I have done this too. As an actor, I believe we need to be accommodating of filmmakers and producers, always."

The Family Man experience

"Suchi (Suchitra Iyer) is one of the strongest characters I have played in my career. The second season allowed me to portray more complex emotions than the first. I am delighted to have been a part of this amazing series. It's heartwarming that the series has secured such warm reception from everyone."

Bollywood comeback

"Eight years after Chennai Express, I have signed a Hindi sports drama titled *Maidaan* that is based on the life of Syed Abdul Rahim, a former Indian football coach from Hyderabad. Ajay Devgn has been cast as Syed Abdul Rahim, while I play his wife who provides him with a lot of emotional support. I have finished shooting for my portions. Apart from this, I am also working on another web series for Amazon Prime."

OTT is the future

"Digital content is the future of this country. OTT platforms offer a more intimate experience, I think. It has emerged as an alternative to theatres now. But yes, I do miss the theatre experience; I think it is an eternal medium. However, we must note that the OTT platforms are gaining momentum and have taken control during the pandemic. The actors are all making a beeline to it."